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## El Cerrito backs BART seismic-upgrade

City's two stations and elevated track would see innovations

**By Alan Lopez**  
STAFF WRITER  
EL CERRITO — The City Council Monday unanimously endorsed a ballot measure intended to raise \$1.05 billion to seismically

upgrade the BART system.

The council liked the measure because it would pay for improving the city's two BART stations and the structures that elevate the tracks. The measure is before voters in Alameda, San Francisco and Contra Costa counties Nov. 5.

"I think it's important to El Cerrito residents because if we

have the big one (earthquake) ... we'll still have a BART system that can get us around," said Mayor Janet Abelson.

After the Loma Prieta earthquake in 1989, BART officials studied the system's fitness to withstand another tremor. While they say it's safe to ride, BART board officials worry that an earthquake along the Hayward

fault — which runs along the East Bay hills — would put BART out of commission, and that it could take BART more than a year to regain even 50 percent of its pre-earthquake ridership.

BART directors say the bond funds would allow the system to keep moving in the event of a major earthquake. In particular, the measure would pay for the retro-

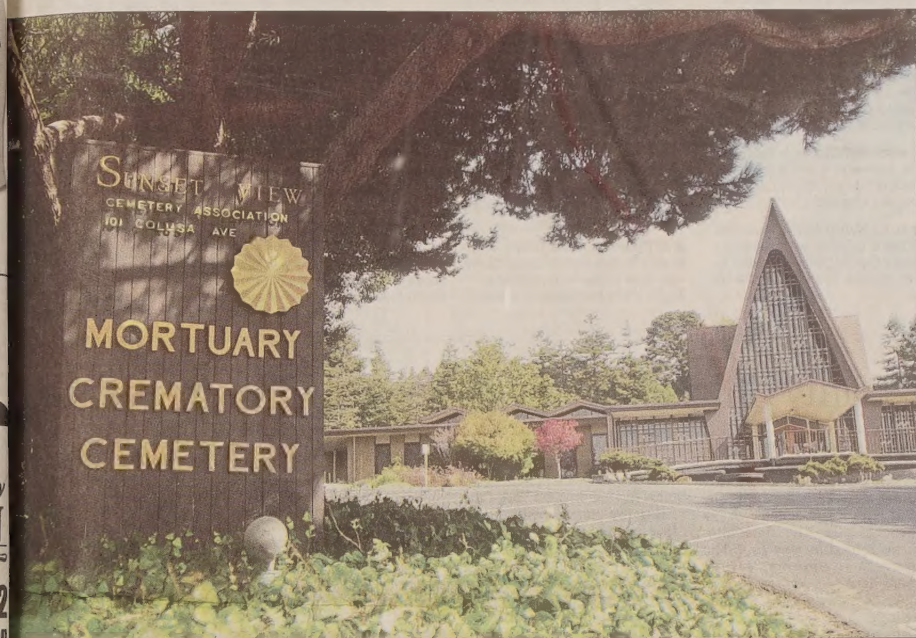
fitting the Transbay Tube between San Francisco and Oakland and the aerial structure foundations that hold up stations and track.

"We need to reinforce the elevated track so it doesn't crumble or break in an earthquake," said Sam Singer, a BART public information officer.

The measure, placed on the ballot by the BART board, would

require two-thirds of the total vote from the three counties to pass. Repaying the bonds would cost property owners an average of \$7.80 per \$100,000 of assessed value and would last 20 years.

"BART continued to operate post the Loma Prieta earthquake and we want to make sure we continue that level of service," Singer said.



SUNSET VIEW CEMETERY is seeking to increase the number of cremations it can perform annually.

STEVE MASLANKA/STAFF

## Cemetery neighbors concerned by plans to increase cremations

Air quality officials say public's health risk from expanded use of the facility is minimal

**By Alan Lopez**  
STAFF WRITER  
KENSINGTON — A request to cremate nearly twice as many bodies per year at the Sunset

View Cemetery has raised concerns from residents about the increased cancer risk, though the risk is considered lower than that associated with other pollutants, such as a gas station or dry cleaner, according to a Bay Area Air Quality Management District official.

Sunset View Cemetery owner Michael Klinger, wants to increase the number of bodies al-

lowed to be cremated from 246 to about 500 per year, to keep up with demand. Sunset View sits on about 70 acres of county land at 101 Colusa Ave. and also houses a mortuary and cemetery.

Klinger requested increasing cremations to 500 to avoid having to ask for additional permits in subsequent years. Klinger is seeing an increase in requests to cremate bodies this year, due to

the closure of the Ellis-Olson mortuary in Albany and increased demand from people looking for less expensive alternatives to burial.

At its proposed maximum use the crematory would pose a very low health risk to nearby schools or residents, according to the Bay Area Air Quality Management

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## High school may get campus med center

**By Alan Lopez**  
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EL CERRITO — An effort begun four years ago to help troubled students at El Cerrito High School may expand within the next few months to include on-campus medical services.

The Community Project was begun by social studies teacher Jennifer Rader to help students troubled by loss, depression or other stresses or were in danger of flunking out.

In addition, the program has raised about \$300,000 — enough money to start up a new medical center on campus.

Rader said a campus medical center is not unique but very necessary. There are about eight in

Alameda County and one in Contra Costa County.

"We're on the cusp of a big movement statewide and nationally to bring support services to campus, where the students are," said Rader, who is working part-time as the coordinator for the Community Project, but will return to teaching next year.

Rader started the Community Project in 1998 with a \$50,000 state grant she secured after seeing students failing in her classes because of personal problems.

Through project funding, counselors have been helping students with feelings of loss from a death, substance abuse,

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## Demo club didn't like Ike, doesn't care for George W.

■ 50-year-old group has tilted left of national party since Adlai Stevenson first ran for president

**By Alan Lopez**  
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EL CERRITO — The left-leaning nature of the El Cerrito Democratic Club likely shows up in the nightmares of some Republicans.

A member of the club since its inception, Art Schroeder, said the leaders of the mainstream Democratic Party lean too far to the right for many club members.

Take Sen. Joe Lieberman, for example. "That guy couldn't be more conservative if he was a Re-

### POLITICAL GROUP

**WHAT:** The El Cerrito Democratic Club, serving El Cerrito, Kensington and Richmond

**WHEN:** Usually the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** The Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave. in El Cerrito

**INFORMATION:** Joe Franaszek, 510-524-4659

publican," said Schroeder. "No wonder people are voting for the Green Party and voting for (Ralph) Nader."

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## Yan Can cook — and stir up good will

TV chef's new venture opens with fund-raiser netting \$5,000 for El Cerrito High School

**By Alan Lopez**  
STAFF WRITER  
EL CERRITO — The Yan Can restaurant celebrated its opening in El Cerrito Plaza with a fund-raiser that collected about \$5,000 for El Cerrito High School.

The two-hour event Oct. 3 featured the El Cerrito High School jazz combo playing jazz standards while a line of people maked outside the door of the Asian restaurant. Yan Can is located on the north-east side of the plaza, near Fairmount Avenue.

Residents paid \$10 to enter the restaurant and enjoy a buffet. Martin Yan, the chef who has had a cooking show on public

television for 24 years, was also there, signing his cookbook and black-and-white pictures of himself and chatting up grinning visitors, competing with the noise of people packed into the event. "Let's enjoy life with good food, fellowship and community spirit," Yan said.

Yan Can opened its first location in Pleasant Hill earlier this year and plans to open 50 restaurants by 2005.

The restaurant held the fund-raiser for the El Cerrito High School Parent Teacher Student Association as part of its marketing strategy: Make people aware of its presence through ties to the community. The PTSA, which financially supports various school groups, was contacted by representatives of Yan Can.

"We were delighted," said Madeline Kronenberg, president of the PTSA. "This isn't something that happens very often.

Usually PTSA's have to work very hard to do fund-raisers and to have one given to us is a great gift."

The restaurant has dishes priced from \$3.50 for a bowl of hot and sour soup to \$8.95 for Thai curry shrimp. The restaurant is considered "quick casual," something more casual than casual dining but of a higher quality than fast food.

"We're taking care of guests' needs without sacrificing the quality of the food," said Nadia Falem, the director of operations for Variation Restaurants, the company that runs Yan Can.

The restaurant wanted to come to El Cerrito because of the demographics. There will be 10 Yan Can restaurants opening next year, with five in the Bay Area and five in Southern California.

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THE YAN CAN restaurant in El Cerrito, seen here on a quiet Sunday, opened Oct. 3 with a fund-raiser.

STEVE MASLANKA/STAFF

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## NEWS BRIEFS

## Albany

## Film series takes look at diversity

The Diversity Film Series and the Albany High School PTA present the film "About Race," a documentary produced by KRON-TV Channel 4.

"About Race" is a yearlong exploration of how race and ethnicity shape how people live together in the Bay Area. The documentary covers the genetics of race, diversity in the workplace and in the schools and a look at efforts to bridge the racial divide.

The film and facilitated discussion will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15 in the multipurpose room at Albany High School, 603 Key Route Blvd., Albany. Admission is free of charge. For information, call 510-527-1328 or 510-526-8585.

## What a deal: books for 50 cents

Hundreds of specialized hardcover books the Albany Library has no room for plus hundreds more good paperback bargains — mystery, sci-fi, romance, great fiction — will go on sale for 50 cents each Saturday, Oct. 19, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Albany Library's Edith Stone Room, 1247 Marin Ave., Albany.

The Friends of the Albany Library, sponsors of the sale, look forward to seeing you at this special event. For information call 510-526-3720.

## Have pancakes with the fire department

The Albany Fire Department will hold an open house and pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at the fire station, 1000 Marin Avenue. The event will include fire engines and ambulances, live fire demonstrations, information about how to use a fire extinguisher, disaster preparedness education, prizes and more. For details call Albany Fire Department at 510-528-5771.

## El Cerrito

## Cooperative play group meets

The El Cerrito Cooperative Playgroup, a nonprofit, parent-managed program offers free play, socialization, and learning for children 2-5 years old (younger siblings also are welcomed).

The group meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:45 to 11 a.m. in a Stockton Avenue church. Monthly dues of \$20 pay for rent, supplies, and field trips.

For details, or to schedule a tour, contact Kathy at 510-527-9851. Or visit the group's Web site at [www.elcerritoplaygroup.freesevers.com](http://www.elcerritoplaygroup.freesevers.com).

## Old street signs now up for sale

The city has replaced the last of its old-style street name signs with newer aluminum signs that have white lettering on a blue background. The old black-and-white street signs, which dated back to the late '50s and early '60s, were gradually phased out.

The city is offering the last remaining black and white street signs to residents for \$50 each. Each sign is heavy-gauge steel with raised lettering of the street name and block number on both sides. Not every street name is available, but attempts will be made to fill requests for a particular street. All the signs are in fair to good condition but show signs of exposure to elements.

Proceeds from the sale will go to the David Hunter Memorial Scholarship Fund at the El Cerrito Community Center. Call 510-215-4382 for more information.

## Richmond

## Creek friends will clean up Mira Vista

On Saturday, Oct. 19, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, the Friends of Baxter Creek will hold a work party at Mira Vista Park, at Silva Avenue and Mount Street in Richmond, to install a native plant demonstration garden and continue creek restoration.

No special skills are required. Gloves, tools, and snacks will be provided, although residents are welcome to bring their own. Children under age 13 should bring an adult. For more information, call Apple, the FOBC's program coordinator, at 510-231-5778 or send her an e-mail message at [apple@aoinstitute.org](mailto:apple@aoinstitute.org).

## Homework help tutors needed

The Richmond Public Library's Homework Help program needs volunteer tutors for its homework help program.

The homework help program is a free service sponsored by the Richmond Public Library. Every Tuesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. students from the first through sixth grades can come to the library's Madeline F. Whittlesey community room and receive free help with their homework.

For details call librarian Bill Coolidge at 510-620-6557.

## Contra Costa County

## Area arts leaders will be honored

The Arts and Culture Commission of Contra Costa County will hold a reception honoring the individuals and organizations in recognition of their contributions to the arts.

The ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20, at the Shadelands Art Center, 111 N. Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek.

Honored this year are Rosamond Davis, of Walnut Creek, founder nearly 30 years ago of the Contra Costa Performing Arts Society. Jim O'ceap, a concert promoter and musician of Martinez, will also be honored for his two decades of producing more than 70 community concerts a year in Concord, Walnut Creek, Pleasant Hill, Lafayette and Pleasanton.

And for his work as artistic director and co-founder, with his late wife, of the Contra Costa Civic Theatre, Louis Flynn of El Cerrito will also be recognized. Organizations honored are the Eugene O'Neill Foundation, based at the Tao House in Danville, for its almost three decades of honoring America's only Nobel Prize-winning playwright; and Wee Poets of Berkeley, which for 18 years has produced an award-winning literacy program on cable television in El Cerrito.

Reservations for the reception may be made by calling the arts commission at 925-646-2078.

## CORRECTION

A story about Autometrics should have said that Paul Weinberger partnered with John Hafez to bring Autometrics to El Cerrito. Hafez is the owner of Autometrics in Berkeley and is co-owner of Autometrics in El Cerrito.

## ALBANY POLICE

## Tuesday, Oct. 1

■ **PLANT STOLEN** — A resident on the 800 block of San Carlos Street reported that unseen thieves had dug up a plant from her back yard.

■ **ARREST** — At about 1 p.m., officers arrested an 18-year-old Antioch woman on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue on reports that she was trying to use fraudulent traveler's checks at businesses. She was parked for three counts of burglary, three counts of forgery and two counts of using fictitious checks and transported to Santa Rita Jail.

## Wednesday, Oct. 2

■ **AUTO THEFT** — Shortly before 1 a.m., an El Cerrito man reported that thieves had stolen his red '91 Acura Integra while it was parked on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue. Officers took the report.

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■ **COINBOX BREAK-IN** — During the night unseen thieves broke open a coin operated air and water pump at the AM/PM on the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue and stole the coins.

■ **BURGLARY** — At about 5 p.m. a resident on the 1000 block of Talbot Avenue reported that thieves had entered her home within the previous 30 minutes and stolen her wallet from her purse. She did not see the subjects. About 30 minutes later a resident on the 800 block of Talbot reported that the same thing had happened at her house. She also did not see the subjects.

## Thursday, Oct. 3

■ **DUI** — At about 2:30 a.m. officers stopped a gray '78 Oldsmobile near Carlson and Fairmont avenues for erratic driving. The driver, a 19-year-old

Richmond man, was found to be intoxicated. He was arrested for being a minor driving while intoxicated and for driving without a license. He was cited and released.

■ **VAN STOLEN** — A resident on the 1100 block of Stannage Avenue reported that during the night thieves stole his blue and green '95 Dodge Caravan. There were no witnesses.

■ **EGG-THROWING** — There were reports of eggs being thrown around town. There were also reports of subjects in a blue car driving around town and throwing eggs at people. Officers were not able to locate the vehicle.

## Friday, Oct. 4

■ **ROBBERY** — At about 2:30 a.m. a woman reported that while she was sitting in her car near Washington Avenue and Adams Street, two subjects walked up to her car and opened the

door. They simulated a weapon, stole her friend's wallet and the keys from the ignition. They were seen departing east on Washington Avenue towards San Pablo Avenue a silver Camaro. They were gone when officers arrived.

## Summary

During the week of Sept. 30, officers towed six vehicles, responded to false alarms, attended to eight deceased animals, assisted people who were locked out of their houses or cars and responded to a report of a barking dog. In the domestic arena officers responded to civil disturbances and 120 calls. Officers stopped 85 vehicles and/or pedestrians issuing 45 citations and 40 warnings. Albany firefighter/paramedics responded to a fire call and 12 medical emergencies.

## EL CERRITO POLICE

## Saturday, Sept. 26

■ **BURGLARY** — About \$600 worth of tools were taken from an unlocked tool shed on the 6800 block of Tahoe Place between 5 p.m. on Sept. 26 and 8 a.m. the next day.

■ **BURGLARY** — Property was taken from a home on the 5800 block of Central Avenue, which was ransacked after a hidden key was found between 9 p.m. on Sept. 20 and 3 p.m. on Sept. 26.

■ **AUTO BURGLARY** — The stereo was taken from a vehicle on the 2500 block of Edwards Avenue. A window was also smashed.

■ **AUTO BURGLARY** — More than \$1,500 in property was taken from a Honda Civic at Denny's between 9 p.m. on Sept. 26 and 3 a.m. the next day.

## Sunday, Sept. 27

■ **AUTO BURGLARY** — Cash and a stereo were taken from a vehicle on the 7400 block of Stockton Avenue between 2:30 p.m. on Aug. 26 and 10 a.m. on Sept. 27.

■ **THEFT** — A woman and a 15-year-old boy walking at San Pablo and Stockton avenues were robbed at 10 a.m. A man grabbed the woman's purse, pushed down the boy and grabbed his backpack. The two were walking with another woman who was left alone. The robber, described as being about 18 years old, ran away.

■ **THEFT** — A jacket was taken from an office area at Wiener'schnitzel between 8:30 and 8:45 p.m.

■ **ATTEMPTED AUTO THEFT** — An attempt to steal a 1985 Toyota Camry was made on the 1400 block of Arlington Boulevard between midnight

on Sept. 27 and 7 a.m. on Sept. 29.

■ **AUTO RECOVERED** — A stolen 1988 Honda was recovered by a police officer on the 100 block of Ramona Avenue at 3:18 a.m.

## Monday, Sept. 28

■ **AUTO RECOVERED** — A stolen 1994 Toyota Tercel was recovered by a police officer on the 5700 block of Fern Avenue. The car was stolen in El Cerrito on Sept. 16.

■ **AUTO THEFT** — A 1991 Honda Accord was stolen from the 1700 block of Arlington Boulevard between 5:45 and 10:26 p.m.

## Tuesday, Sept. 29

■ **THEFT** — A cell phone was taken from a Toyota Camry on the 11400 block of San Pablo between 4 and 5

p.m.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — A car was taken from a vehicle on the block of Santa Clara between 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 28 and 8:30 a.m. the next day. The vehicle was entered without the convertible top.

## Friday, Oct. 11

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — Property taken from a 1989 Volvo on the block of Norvell Street between 7:30 p.m. The right rear wing was smashed.

■ **THEFT** — A \$370 radio-cassette car was taken from a store at Rito Plaza at 6 p.m. by two men who grabbed the item and left without paying. The two were driven of third man.

— Alan Lopez

## County officials urge vigilance against mosquitoes

By Lisa Coffey Mahoney  
STAFF WRITER

Alameda County officials are taking steps to ensure that the West Nile Virus doesn't wreak havoc locally. The mosquito-borne infection was found in Southern California several weeks ago.

At Monday's City Council meeting, John Rumsisel, of the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District in Hayward, said residents must be vigilant about eliminating standing water on their properties. Stagnant water in unused swimming pools, spas, hot tubs, fish ponds, fountains, birdbaths, flowerpots, old tires, roof gutters — even cemetery flower urns — provide perfect breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

The nearby Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland, for instance, has thousands of urns. As a result, Mosquito Abatement District officials may be recruiting volunteers to help treat the receptacles with insect-growth regulator pellets. This work should probably be done in the spring, Rumsisel said.

First isolated in Uganda in 1937, the West Nile Virus is now found in Africa, the Middle East, Europe, Western and Central Asia, and North America. Only certain species of mosquitoes — culex tarsalis and culex pipiens

— carry the virus, and very few mosquitoes are actually infected. It was first detected in the United States in 1999 in New York City.

But the number of human cases of the infection reported domestically has jumped dramatically: in 2002 there have been 2,631 cases and 146 deaths reported so far, up sharply from 66 infections and nine deaths reported in 2001.

The West Nile Virus is generally transmitted from bird to mosquito and vice versa. People and horses are usually accidental hosts, Rumsisel said.

A mosquito acquires the infection by feeding on a bird that has the virus in its blood. The virus is then transmitted through the mosquito's saliva when the insect bites a person or animal.

Though it previously was thought that human-to-human transmission didn't occur, Rumsisel said, health officials now say this is possible. "We're finding out that humans can transmit the disease via blood transfusions, organ donations and possibly even breast milk," he said.

The time between the mosquito bite and the onset of illness ranges from three to 15 days. The majority of people infected with it have a mild influenza-like

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## HOW TO LIMIT MOSQUITOES

■ Basements: keep dry; drain; correct leaky plumbing; dripping air conditioning or refrigeration; install a sump pump.

■ Birdbaths: change water frequently, at least once a week.

■ Boats: store small boats upside down, cover large boats to prevent the accumulation of water; keep drains open.

■ Buckets, cans and other outside containers: empty, invert, punch drainage holes, dispose of, or cover to prevent mosquito entrance.

■ Catch basins and storm drains: do not dispose of litter or garden debris into these and never pour used motor oil or other pollutants into them, because the oil eventually goes into the bay.

■ Creeks: do not dispose of litter or garden debris in creeks; clean obstructions to promote flow; check unconnected side pools; fill, connect to flow, or stock with mosquito fish.

■ Drain sumps: construct so that water does not stand, or screen to prevent mosquito entrance.

■ Fishponds: stock with mosquito fish provided by the county's Mosquito Abatement District; remove

excess vegetation; construct properly; remove if no longer wanted.

■ Hot tubs, spas and swimming pools: keep chlorinated; if not in use, tightly cover; keep rain water from accumulating on the cover; stock with fish if no longer to be used.

■ Plastic covers: prevent or remove accumulation of rain or other water on covers.

■ Rain gutters: keep clean so water does not stand.

■ Stock pond: keep banks clear of excess vegetation; remove fish debris; stock with mosquito fish.

■ Septic tank: keep tightly covered and/or buried to prevent mosquito entrance.

■ Standing water: eliminate by draining or filling.

■ Tires: store in garage or shed; cover to prevent water from accumulating in them; dispose of.

■ Tree holes: drain; fill; remove limb or tree; or consult with a city or University of California Extension for advice.

■ Water tanks: keep tightly sealed to prevent mosquito entrance.

■ Water trough: stock with mosquito fish, keep clean or change water completely every week.

Source: Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District

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# 's about time to celebrate the contributions of Italian-Americans

As any group as any group in this country had a worse press than Italians? Their bootleggers mobsters have been spread across the front pages for years. From "Little Caesar" to "The Sopranos" (which I see to watch, for the same reason that I wouldn't watch "The Sopranos" and "Andy"), in movies, even comic books, the Italian has become almost a prototype for the gangster. It couldn't be a more unfair. The truth is that each ethnic group came to this country and began its climb up the socio-economic ladder, a members of that group did through crime.

In the early 19th century the underworld was ruled by the Irish. By the 1850s they were giving way to the Irish. The Irish were the notorious "Points Gang" and, later, the "O'Banion and Bugs" who gave way in turn to the Italians. Then came the gangsters, like Meyer Lansky and Bugsy Siegel. Today it's the African-American gangs, like the Bloods and the Crips, who are, in turn, being pushed out by the latest newcomers, the Russians and the Albanians.

So why were the Italians singled out for this odious stereotype? It was just a matter of bad timing. The rise of the Italian gangs occurred in the 1920s and 1930s, which coincided with the advent of the twin revolutionary communication technologies: radio and the movies. If these technologies had been invented 20 years earlier, we'd be watching movies about Irish gangsters today. If they'd been invented 20 years later, we'd be watching movies about Jewish gangsters.

The irony is that Italians have done as much or more for our country and in order in this country than any other group, from the Italian-American one-man band against organized crime in the 1940s — Remember those pictures of him pushing slot machines with a sledgehammer? — to Rudy Giuliani taking down John Gotti 40 years later. And I can't help remembering the poignant interview I saw with Rep. Peter Dinkins of New Jersey, the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, on the day



MARTIN SNAPP  
Snapp Shots

Richard Nixon resigned. Asked what made him proudest about the case, Rodino said, "The fact that so many of the people who stood up for law and order in Watergate have names like Rodino and Sirica." (John J. Sirica was the courageous judge who blew the Watergate cover-up wide open.)

But the anti-Italian prejudice doesn't stop there. Even their favorite ethnic holiday gets disrespected. Nobody would dare dump on St. Patrick's Day or Cinco De Mayo or Kwanzaa. But Columbus Day is fair game for any politically-correct type who wants to saddle Columbus with the sole blame for crimes against Native Americans that should be shared with others, including Spaniards like Cortez and Pizarro and Americans of British stock like Andrew Jackson, Phil Sheridan and George Armstrong Custer.

Then there's the calumny about Italians being physical cowards in war. Never mind that for most of human history, from Julius Caesar to Garibaldi, Italians have been synonymous with valor. This particular slander is of very recent origin, stemming from World War II.

But look more closely at what really happened. The reality is that the Italians wised up to Hitler before everyone else. Unlike other countries, who collaborated enthusiastically with the Germans throughout the war, they overthrew Hitler's stooge, Mussolini, and switched sides.

Italian partisans sabotaged the Nazi war machine and attacked German troops, often with only pistols to use against machine guns and Molotov cocktails against tanks. And for this they paid dearly: Thousands of Italians were massacred by the S.S. Does that sound like cowardice to you?

So if all these stereotypes are

false, who are the real Italian-Americans? They're bankers like A.P. Giannini, who founded the Bank of Italy so ordinary working men and women, who were being turned down by the established banks, could get loans to finance their homes, too. He was the real-life version of Jimmy Stewart's character in "It's a Wonderful Life" (directed, not coincidentally, by an Italian-American named Frank Capra). The Bank of Italy was eventually renamed Bank of America, and it's now the largest in the world.

They're business people like the Mondavis, the Sebastianis and the Gallos, who built the California wine industry out of nothing until it now rivals the best Europe has to offer. And a young boy named Annabelle Ferrarri, who came to this country with not a penny in his pocket and built the chain of A.G. Ferrarri Foods stores by following one simple rule: Always give the customer the best possible value. (Or, as he used to put it, "La qualita non ha tempo" — "Quality is timeless.") The chain is now run by his grandson, Paul, who still follows that rule. (And no, he won't watch "The Sopranos" either.)

They're sportsmen like Vince Lombardi, Hank Luisetti, Yogi Berra, Tony La Russa, Joe Torre, Phil Rizzuto, Frank Crosetti, Tony Lazzari, and three local boys named Vince, Dom and Joe DiMaggio. They're jurists like Antonin Scalia, artists like Frank Gallo, filmmakers like Martin Scorsese and Francis Ford Coppola, actors like Robert DiNiro, Al Pacino and Anne Bancroft, and singers like Tony Bennett, Dean Martin, Frankie Valli, Vic Damone and a kid from Hoboken named Francis Albert Sinatra.

And, of course, they're some of the greatest political leaders our country has ever produced, including LaGuardia and Giuliani. But most of all, they're Americans — with a capital A. So if you'll forgive this politically incorrect sentiment, to all my Italian-American readers I say: Happy Columbus Day.

Phone Martin Snapp at 510-273-9039 or email him at catman@california.com.



LESHAUN YOPACK, right, with the county Registrar of Voters Office sets up the new touch screen voting machines at the North Oakland Senior Center for Cleo McWhorter, who said, "It's much better than punching...you can correct your errors".

## Touchscreen voting system makes debut

■ It's now possible for Alameda County's visually impaired and other disabled voters to cast ballots without help

STAFF REPORT

OAKLAND — Monday was the first day of absentee voting in the state, and the first day for Alameda County voters to cast ballots via a touchscreen voting system.

At a morning ceremony at the elections office, county Registrar Brad Clark unveiled the new Diebold Election Systems voting system. It's a fully electronic voting device, much like an ATM.

At the event, California Sec-

retary of State Bill Jones gave a statewide update on touchscreen and other methods of casting ballots.

Touchscreen voting will be available in the registrar's office until Election Day for in-person absentee voting.

The new system will allow the registrar to offer early voting at the Pleasanton, Hayward, Fremont and Berkeley city clerks' offices from Oct. 15-25.

Using the new AccuVote-TS voting system, voters can choose ballots in English, Chinese or Spanish. And, for the first time, new features will make it possible for visually impaired and many disabled voters to cast ballots without assistance.

Early voting will be held at the city clerk's offices in Pleasanton,

Fremont and Berkeley on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and weekdays in Hayward from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

In Pleasanton, early voting will be at 123 Main St.; 2180 Mill via St., Berkeley; 3911 Liberty St., Fremont; and 777 B St., Hayward.

The county registrar of voters' office is located at 1225 Fallon St., Oakland. Voting there will be weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 2 and 3, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; and on Nov. 5, Election Day, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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# THE JOURNAL

"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

## EDITORIAL

### Treating the disease

**M**ANY OF SOCIETY'S problems are offshoots of an often-ignored problem: drugs. Criminal activity from petty thefts to murder is often linked to drug use. This is a problem that our prison system barely acknowledges. Many of those written off as unemployable could get and hold jobs if they could recover from their drug problem. Homelessness is often the result of substance abuse or mental illnesses that could be treated with drugs. This often goes unrecognized as well.

Contra Costa County does attempt to deal with the whole problem, but as with many things, it finds itself short of funds. Over the next three years, however, it will have a financial cushion. The Health Services Department received a federal grant of \$1.8 million, which it will use to expand programs to help the homeless who suffer from drug addictions and/or mental illness.

The money will be doled out in \$600,000 increments over three years. It will be used to increase beds at treatment centers across the county. In Contra Costa County 6,000 of 15,000 homeless people are dealing with substance abuse issues. This grant will fund probably fewer than 20 beds; that hardly erases the problem. But it addresses it, and for those who wind up in those beds, it could represent solutions to their plight. Sometimes that's how a problem has to be solved, one step, one bed, one person at a time.

So we'll take that \$600,000 for three years although \$1.8 million a year might be closer to doing the trick. We know the county will continue to budget for these programs, as well as apply for grants and seek sponsors. We encourage others to treat the disease, not just the symptoms.

### Do you know a local hero?

The Journal will launch a new monthly "Local Heroes" feature in the next several weeks to shine the spotlight on those who go the extra mile.

Do you know a local hero? Someone who has made a difference in the community, made life significantly better at school or work, in the neighborhood, or in his or her congregation? Once a month, we will highlight people whose devotion to helping others — whether through an organized volunteer group or just on their own — makes them stand out from the crowd.

We encourage readers to write to let us know about these special people. Send your nomination, in 250 words or less, to: Heroes, c/o the Journal, 4301 Lakeside Dr., Richmond, CA 94806. Call 510-262-2724 or fax 510-243-3574. Our e-mail address is [journal@cctimes.com](mailto:journal@cctimes.com)

JEFF HANSEN • HILLS NEWSPAPERS

### SHOULD IT BE COLUMBUS DAY OR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY?

MY MOM AND DAD CAN'T AGREE ON WHAT TODAY SHOULD BE CALLED. ALL I KNOW IS TONIGHT I'M EATING RAVIOLI IN A TEEPEE.



COMMENTARY

### Give me that old-time technology

By Maryann Finn

**W**E'RE IN the electronic age — get with it. But the grandkids still want to go to Nam's house. She's got a rotary phone that's fun to play with. And Pop, well, he's got an old car with wind-up windows.

So what else is new — I mean, old?

The kids love the big old Underwood manual typewriter — just hunt and peck. Bells ring, the carriage can be pushed back and forth, a shift key changes letters to caps.

And, wow — that ribbon reverse will give you black or red print.

But as far as the information highway, we made a wrong turn. The son-in-law says we need to hook up, be wired. He says we need e-mail, Internet.

Must be online, must keyboard, use a mouse, get the right pad, watch for spam — order, reserve, buy online. Get with it. Use spell-check to correct your errors. Learn to edit, move text, delete, print out. Seems it's all in knowing what to push and when. They tell me I'll love Solitaire and can learn chess playing against myself. It's all so user-friendly.

Already, I'm electronically challenged but, all right, I'm convinced. I'll try. But first, on someone else's computer before I can commit us to PC, a laptop, a Mac, an Apple — or a Lemon.

Solitaire was fun, and some trivia games were OK. But I was always aced out: just couldn't push the right button fast enough.

Did learn it was easy to spend big bucks online when someone clued me in on how

Must be online, must keyboard, use a mouse, get the right pad, watch for spam — order, reserve, buy online. Get with it.

to find the hard-to-find — and buy it.

Then, easy e-mail to daughters Trese and Bobbie — zing! — spell-check corrects them to Terse and Bossy. Right on. Where was this machine when we named them?

Another e-mail to grandsons' teachers, Ms. Egan and Ms. SooHoo — who became Egad and BooHoo.

Needed info on World War II

and Adolf Hitler — typed "Mein Kampf." Oops — it gets I try "chow mein." I deal with this thing that constantly corrects (?) my spelling and upsets the context.

I'll go along with it but now convinced it's not a user-friendly if it's not the user's usage.

I'll manage the answer machine, the microwave, digital clocks, the smoke alarms — but if it's gonna "Fly Me to the Moon," "Bm, Me Up" or "Buzz Off," I'll choose the oldies: that old wood, the rotary phone, yellow legal pads and sharp pencils do a great job and in control.

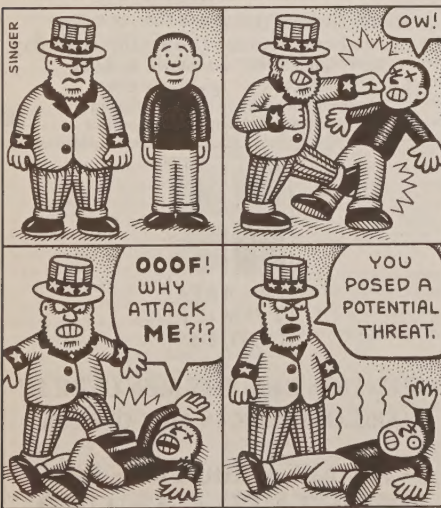
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Maryann Finn is a retired librarian.

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### We're killing Earth

Seeking to prevent weeds from growing among the bulbs and lilies, I discovered a wonderful product called Amaze. At the end of summer, I sprinkled the granules, and sure enough — weeds did not sprout.

The next spring, the calla lilies came up deformed. I took some to the nursery to ask what was the matter with them. After a few days' analysis, they said, "Have you been using Round-up?"

Mother Earth is dying. The poisoning of our water, soil and food is caused by the decisions each of us make daily.

I am delivering my wonderful products to Hazardous Waste (listed under "County" in the blue pages of your phone book).

Joan Bartulovich  
El Cerrito

### Vote out the left

I am very disappointed with writers who use ignorant equivocation regarding the war on terror while promoting extravagant social welfare, pacifism and constantly spinning the eight years the Clinton administration exhibited lack of character and dishonesty as utopia.

At the same time, so many folks are whining about President Bush being selected while we endure Senate leader Tom Daschle who was, in fact, selected. Seems to me the only hope for winning the war on terror and the war declared on us by the hard left and liberal left power-mongers is to vote out the entire leftist rabble (aka power-hungry Democrats).

Then stop all bond measures in California to stem the tide of excessive bond indebtedness which is the highest in the nation, eliminate all the environmentalist wacko restrictions (which for the most part came straight out of the Communist

manifesto) and halt the war California Democrats are waging on small businesses. If this doesn't work then we meet somewhere in Nevada to consider plan B.

Gary Buffon  
El Cerrito

### Camejo refreshing

I recently saw that 69 percent of California voters would have liked to see Peter Camejo, the Green Party's candidate for California governor, join in the Oct. 7 gubernatorial debate sponsored by the Los Angeles Times. This indicates to me that it is the will of the electorate to hear more than just the two major parties' points of view.

I find Camejo's stance in favor of renewable energy, a living wage, universal health care, and smart economic growth to be both refreshing and essential for the future of our state. Since he is currently showing up at 9 percent in the polls, there is clearly a large number of us who are feeling frustrated by the current political climate.

Isn't it in the interest of Californians, in general, to at least hear other points of view beyond that of Gray Davis and Bill Simon? And more than that, isn't

that our right? It doesn't seem right that a large newspaper, such as the L.A. Times, should dictate to the rest of us who can and who cannot partake in the very important debate.

Gayle McLaughlin  
Richmond

### Gutless governing

Someone once said freedom of speech does not include volume.

In Richmond, we have a large group that apparently think it's a God-given right to blast music for everyone's hearing.

Compounding the problem is a gutless City Council, city attorney, city management and Police Department.

The noise abatement ordinance is a joke. Anyone can do anything until 11 p.m.; with a permit, they can go even longer. City of Pride and Purpose? More like city of do-nothing government.

Community policing is tantamount to Let us not disturb the riffraff for minor stuff; let us look the other way so we can concentrate on the more serious crimes. Meanwhile said riffraff run roughshod over the majority of our residents.

Besides letting them blast their music, we let them ignore the posted speed limit (which is a joke), park on the wrong side of the streets, on lawns and across sidewalks, and drive around without rear license plates.

When the police communications center was on the third floor, I rarely got a busy signal. Now that they have a new expensive center across the street, more often than not, I get a busy signal. An example of something ventured, nothing gained.

Michael Corne  
Richmond

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# Performance provokes dialogue on biases held and endured

IMAGINE GETTING A diverse group of 14 people together to talk honestly and openly about their personal experiences with the pain of discrimination based on race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender, and privilege.

Now in a stand-up comedy production to loosen up the audience and a woman who offers personal reflections about her own life of privilege and bias, pull the elements together into a package. Follow with a session in which co-workers share personal experiences of discrimination and reflection on what they haven't remotely apprehended in perhaps years of living together.

You can imagine all that, have some idea of the power of Carrie Gibson's one-woman show "Not Until You Know My Name," which has performed the same show at another about disability, corporations, businesses, government agencies around the country during the past five years.

Gibson performed her show in El Cerrito on Oct. 4, first the teaching staffs of Portola and Castro Elementary schools, and later for El Cerrito School teachers.

According to a flier from her Had to Be Produced (www.hadto.be.com), the production's objectives are:

To create a climate of inclusion in the work environment and community.  
To identify and explore fear, guilt and defensiveness used by discussions of discrimination.  
To help participants fully understand each other's experiences related to individual and institutional oppression to facilitate healing and problem solving in the workplace.

More importantly, she leaves you with the sense that you must continue to talk about the issue long after she has left the stage.

It probably helps that Gibson has a masters in psychology, in addition to being an experienced actress, playwright and facilitator.

Another factor that makes the presentation so effective is that the characters she portrays



BETTY KING BUGINAS  
Schools

One remarkably simple tool Carrie Gibson leaves audience members with is the suggestion that they try to imagine what someone else must feel like.

are real people. The lines in the play are taken from tape-recorded interviews with 14 people.

In addition, she weaves in dialogue from herself and her mother, speaking frankly about her own family — the privileges they take for granted as white Americans, their biases, their family secrets. As her mother's character says in the play, she "airs the family's dirty laundry."

The presentation is the kind of experience that is moving, but difficult to convey to someone who wasn't there. One remarkably simple tool she leaves audience members with is the suggestion that they try to imagine what someone else must feel like.

If you disagree or are frustrated with someone, imagine what it must be like for them. If someone is willing to talk about a painful experience they had with discrimination, instead of deflecting the issue — perhaps by denying it happened or was as bad as described, being defensive or changing the subject — try to imagine what it must have been like to experience that.

Encourage them to talk, rather than shutting them down. Try to find a way to work together, to take action to change the situation.

Betty King Buginas is a teacher in the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

# At the library it's 'Shh!' — but why?

"What a sad want I am in of libraries, of books to gather facts from! Why is there not a Majesty's library in every county town? There is a Majesty's jail and gallows in every one."

— Thomas Carlyle 1795-1881: diary 18 May 1832; J. A. Froude Carlyle's Early Life (1890)



JULIE WINKELSTEIN  
At the Library

I THOUGHT ABOUT calling this column: Shhh! It's a Construction Zone — since the work on my library, Albany, and the community center officially started Sept. 23.

I know there must be many of you wondering what is going on with this building, so I thought I'd start by giving you a brief overview.

On the evening of April 15, 2002 (interesting date), large chunks of stucco surface fell to the ground near the main south entry of the Community Center building. Investigation into this led to the discovery of damage inside the walls and the tower. The work to fix this was put out to bid and the successful bidder was Alton Construction Company and they are the ones who started work on Sept. 23.

So, the good news is the building is being repaired and will be finished in six months. The work is being done Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., to help make the library (and community center) quieter later in the day, as we get busier.

If you haven't visited us during the construction hours, you may wonder what it's like. Is it noisy? Sometimes. Does the sound remind some of us of the hours we have spent in dentist's chairs? Maybe. But is it unbearable? Definitely not.

And one aspect of this I had

n't thought about was the community feeling that has come out. When someone comes to the reference desk and asks "What's going on?", I know they ask because they want to know what is happening to their building.

This is another wonderful thing about libraries: they belong to the people who use them — a truly democratic concept.

But to get back to the question of construction and quiet, I decided to do a little research into the history of why libraries are quiet. I started with a simple search on Google, which is a way of searching on the Internet. I tried "quiet and libraries" as a search term and only got what looks like a good resource for people looking for inns in Maine (let me know if you would like the address).

So, I tried "history of" and "libraries" and learned a great deal about libraries. For instance, Library Journal was founded in 1876 and in 1887 Melvil Dewey established the first library school at Columbia University. There was also a page by Charley Seavey titled "Images from the 1876 Report," which was a report from the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Education, on public libraries. There's some interesting information on that page, including a list of 1876 events, with #4 being "Custer got

creamed".

Finally, I tried "shh and libraries" and found a research paper called "A Trip to the Library"; or, "The Curse of 'Marion the Librarian': Images of Librarians and Librarians on the Musical Stage," in which Ronald N. Bukoff discusses the rarity of librarians in musicals and the way in which they are portrayed.

But nowhere have I found the history of why libraries are supposed to be quiet. You may be thinking it's pretty obvious, but since most of the negative references to librarians in novels and movies have to do with our need to say "shhh!", I'd like to know more. I'd love to hear from anyone who has more information on this.

This week's book review is from Sophie Johnson, who has enthusiastically recommended several books to me.

"This Lullaby" is a novel by Sarah Dessen and is about: "Remy Star who is all about neatness until she meets Dexter, who's everything she dislikes. He's messy and is the exact opposite but Remy sees that he is changing in a way."

One word to describe it, Sophie says, is "heartwarming" and she highly recommends it.

Don't forget the Albany Library's upcoming paperback book sale on Oct. 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Or stop by the Kensington library's ongoing book sale. Or both!

Want to recommend a book? Stop by the Albany Library reference desk and pick up a mini book review. Questions or comments? Come by the Albany Library or e-mail me at [jwinkelstein@aclibrary.org](mailto:jwinkelstein@aclibrary.org)

## ALBANY PTA NEWS

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### Marin Elementary School

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### AUSD Calendar

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## ALBANY PTA NEWS

### El Cerrito High School

Oct. 14: PTA meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 812. Agenda includes discussion of how to spend the money made at the Van Can Cook event. Come with ideas.  
Oct. 31: Annual Halloween parade featuring El Cerrito High School Band.  
Nov. 4: Architectural presentation on Madera renovation, 7:15 p.m., childcare building.

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Oct. 16: Madera Olympics fundraiser. Student athletes leap, shoot and sit-up for pledges. 3-5 p.m.  
Oct. 31: Annual Halloween parade featuring El Cerrito High School Band.  
Nov. 4: Architectural presentation on Madera renovation, 7:15 p.m., childcare building.

Do you have items to include for a PTA or PTSA in El Cerrito? E-mail to: [journal@cc-times.com](mailto:journal@cc-times.com). Please write "PTA NEWS" and your school name in the subject field.

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# Sweet Daddy' has paid his dues to sing the blues

**SWEET DADDY** Lovejoy is a musician. A blues singer, saxophonist, songwriter, composer and producer, Lovejoy is, indeed, a musician. In the manner of Louis Armstrong, Lovejoy is a joyous, laughing, music maker, delighting in everything that has to do with the making of melody, and the words that express it.

Lovejoy speaks expansively of his years in the music business. His only regrets are the years when he had to stop making the music because the stress that goes with it had taken him medical miseries.

But even in those arid years he continued to write music that was not aired for a long time. He is not only a blues singer, but also a writer of the blues, and his current hit, "Homeless Man's Blues," is taking him on a tour of the South, where he will sing and introduce his song in cities such as Durham and Charlotte, N.C., and Birmingham, Mobile and Montgomery, Ala., among other places.

When this man starts to talk about himself and his music, his eagerness is contagious. The grin never leaves his face and he laughs as much at himself as at the oddities of life that have made his what he today, taking him out of the South, into New York and other places and ultimately to the Bay Area which has been home for some years.

In addition to the "Homeless Man's Blues," Lovejoy has written many other songs, some of which have been popular in the area where the blues are most a way of life, the deep South.

One song, in particular, he wrote, became widely known, a classic — but he cannot claim to explain, because he wrote it in an era when a song was written, sung, and made part of the literature of the blues, without any acknowledgment to the composer.

It was before he knew that he would register his songs with the Copyright of Congress, to ensure that they are recognizable his. Now, he says, he registers every song he writes with the Library of Congress, listing



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## CONCERT

**What:** Sweet Daddy Lovejoy, with other musicians including Jimmy James

**When:** Monday, Oct. 28, at 1:15 p.m.

**Where:** North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave.

**How much:** Free  
**Information:** 510-981-5190

each of them as his creation and naming all of his eight children as co-writers.

Lovejoy was born in Louisiana, and brought up by his grandmother on a farm in Texas. It was she who dubbed him Sweet Daddy, and the name has become his own. His father, Henry Lovejoy Coverson, was a bluesman and guitar player, and his mother, Elisabeth Coverson, played boogie-woogie piano. Neither of them had any music instruction, but his father played with people whose names he still recognize, in the South and in Chicago.

When his parents separated, Lovejoy went to live with his grandmother on the farm, where he picked cotton, milked cows, fed the chickens and turkeys and went to school.

At Prairie View University in Texas, he played football and basketball and ran track. He had transferred to San Jose State University when his aunt told him if he came home to the

South, she would pay his way through Tuskegee University.

While at Tuskegee, he fell in love, and won a music scholarship. He stayed there for six years. After graduation, "The country boy wanted to go to New York," he says.

There he met Joe Morris and became part of his popular band. Lovejoy stayed with the Joe Morris band for nine and a half years, traveling with them, playing, singing and writing songs. It was 1953 when he wrote his biggest hit, "Shake a Hand." And it was 1959 when he and Rose married. His first daughter, Laura Ann Coverson, was born in Long Island. She was the first of eight children, all of whom have graduated from or are still in college.

He wrote "Crazy, Crazy (About You)" in 1960, one of the last songs he wrote before getting out of the music world because of illness.

But in the last few years, he says, he has found himself full of music that has had to be written, like the songs "Seven Days of Love" and "Christmas Time Blues." A brief period of homelessness led to writing "Homeless Man Blues."

Even when he'd left the music business, however, he continued to write, teach music and do benefits for youth organizations for which he volunteered.

Lovejoy has made some CDs, particularly a new one of Homeless Man Blues and other songs, and will soon go on tour. On October 28, in preparation of his tour, Lovejoy will play his "sexy saxophone" and sing some of his songs, in a concert at the North Berkeley Senior Center, at 1:15 p.m. He will be joined by other musicians in-

cluding Jimmy James, of El Cerrito. The concert is free, presented by the Crusade For Children.

Anyone interested in knowing more about Sugar Daddy

Lovie Lovejoy, his band, his CDs, his Homeless Blues tour, or bookings is invited to call 510-525-2183 or 510-524-6306. (Do call. Just talking with him makes you want to smile and maybe sing some blues.)

He didn't bring his saxophone when he came to meet with me, but he did sing a few bars of one of his songs, and it was great. As noted, "in the

manner of Louis Armstrong," but Sweet Daddy is very special all by himself.

Do you know people, places or groups in El Cerrito, Albany or Kensington that would make good subjects for this column? If so, please write me at 555 Pierce St., No. 443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 525-4585. My e-mail is crgenser@aol.com.

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## Vigilance

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illness or have no symptoms at all. In rare cases, the virus can cause a more serious condition called encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain, he said.

Several other types of mosquito-borne encephalitis have been found before in California, including St. Louis encephalitis. Piedmont resident Denny McLeod, a member of the Mosquito Abatement District's board of trustees, said a major outbreak of St. Louis encephalitis killed some 50 people in California's Central Valley in the early 1950s. "California cities and counties responded with greatly accelerated abatement programs to eliminate mosquito breeding areas and started testing programs to detect the encephalitis virus in mosquitoes," he explained.

Such programs include sentinel chicken testing; mosquito testing; encephalitis case surveillance of humans, horses and raites (emus and ostriches); and

dead-bird surveillance of American crows. In Alameda County, three chicken flocks are tested regularly.

"We take blood from the combs of chickens every two weeks and send it to the state (Department of Health Services) for virus testing," Rusmisl said. "We also capture adult mosquitoes and send them live to the state for testing for the presence of West Nile Virus."

In terms of mosquito control, the county's Mosquito Abatement District provides residents with free mosquito fish for fish ponds or unused swimming pools. These fish eat mosquito eggs, larvae and pupae.

In addition, residents can call the district and request that a technician treat their yard with insect growth regulator, which kills mosquito larvae. Residents also can buy a new product made by Wellmark International — called Zodiac Preventative Mosquito Control. "It's an insect growth regulator similar to the one that we use," Rusmisl said, and can be purchased directly

from Wellmark, on the Internet, or at Petco or Petsmart stores.

To decrease exposure to mosquitoes and reduce the risk of becoming infected with West Nile Virus, it's best to wear protective clothing — long pants and long sleeves — and apply insect repellent when outside, he explained. It's also wise to avoid outside activity at dawn and dusk, when mosquitoes are more active. In addition, be sure all doors and windows have tight fitting screens and promptly repair or replace torn screens.

For more information about West Nile Virus, call the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District at 510-783-7744, or visit [www.mosquitoes.org](http://www.mosquitoes.org). John Rusmisl can be contacted via e-mail at [acmad@mosquitoes.org](mailto:acmad@mosquitoes.org). The toll-free phone number to report a dead bird is 877-WNV-BIRD (877-968-2473). The Web site for Wellmark International is [www.wellmarkinternational.com](http://www.wellmarkinternational.com)

## POLITICAL NOTES

### Albany council hopefuls in forum

Albany City Council candidates Robert Good, Farid Javandel and Allan Maris — contending for two seats up for election — will discuss business-related issues and answer questions Sunday, Oct. 13, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Albany Senior Center.

The Albany Chamber of Commerce-sponsored forum, this event is open to the public.

The Albany Senior Center is located at 846 Masonic Ave., near Solano Avenue. For more information: 510-525-1771.

### Albany school board, city council forums set

Voters can ask questions and hear from candidates for Albany's school board and city council on 3:30-4:30 p.m. (school board) and 4:30-6:30 (city council) on Sunday Oct. 20.

The event will be held at the Albany Community Center, Marin and Masonic avenues and is sponsored by League of Women Voters and Albany PTA Council.

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Saturday forums will be from 10 a.m. to noon at:

■ Oct. 12 at Richmond, 1250 23rd St.

■ Oct. 19 at Kennedy, 4300 Cutting Blvd.

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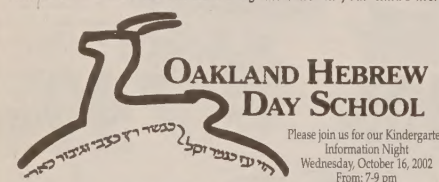
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A non-competitive 3-mile run will start at 8:30 a.m., with free registration at 7:30 a.m. at the Berkeley Shellmound at Univer-

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The grand entry will be at 1 p.m., including contest and intertribal dancing. At 1:30 p.m. there will be a dedication of the Turtle Island Fountain in the plaza.

Visitors are invited to bring a lawn chair or blanket. Details: 510-595-5520.

## Crematory

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district, which regulates air pollution and is in charge of issuing permits to the crematory.

The risk from a typical gas cremation might be four to 10 times greater (than the crematory)," said Addison, an advanced degree advisor for the district.

Some residents think the risk is still too great.

Cerrito resident Toni Klinger was concerned when she learned the crematory proposed and then had difficulty getting information about it. She said it's an addition to the air's

pollution that should not be allowed.

"Whether it's OK with the county to double this, it's really a burden on the neighborhood or on the air," said Ehrlich.

Klinger said there is little to worry about.

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anger management, depression, relationships and in danger of flunking out. The program also offers leadership opportunities, including peer counseling and opportunities for students to start their own programs.

Interns and licensed professional counselors are contracted to visit the school. There are also creative efforts such as a literacy/photography project on violence in the community.

One of its biggest roles may be providing a referral service for teachers who have troubled students, according to Rader.

"We're interested in giving (students) the support they need to succeed in school," Rader said.

History teacher Marsha Hebdon walked into the community project classroom looking for a referral for a student who slept in class and wouldn't talk. She thought he was depressed.

Hebdon said she hadn't been able to help the student with his emotional problems herself, and called the project a valuable re-

source.

Rader wants to take the project even further. With the help of three staff people, she has lined up 16 grants from cities, foundations and private donors to fund the operation of a medical center on campus. She expects it to open after money from the state Proposition D is allocated to the campus.

Brookside Community Health Center in San Pablo would offer students primary health care a few mornings a week. That would be in addition to Planned Parenthood offering services once a week and the Community Project's ongoing mental-health services.

Eventually, Rader pictures the medical center being as comprehensive as the Berkeley High School Health Center, which has

been offering primary medical care, mental-health counseling, health education and youth leadership opportunities since 1991.

Rader considers it the "Rolls-Royce" of campus medical centers.

"We're hoping that the work can inspire similar projects at other schools," Rader said, adding that she was grateful for the support from parents, the school district and school administration for the project.

The Community Project accepts donations. Call 510-524-8252 for more information.

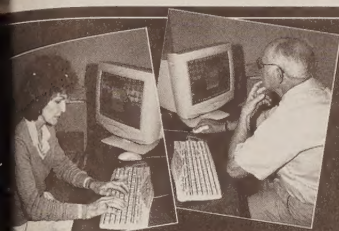
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**Weekly Home Sales** Maintain your focus on the East Bay real estate scene [B2]

**Open Home Guide** See what's on sale in your neighborhood [B16]

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he bad  
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ely attract buyers.  
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and exposure, chances are  
ent that you will have a buyer  
if you do no prep at all.  
to be sure, most would-be  
ers will pass on those proper-  
that look bad. But there are  
s who seem paradoxically  
n to the bad and even to the  
awful. For example, not long  
Oak Realty brought a house  
the market in Berkeley, a big  
house priced at \$425,000 as  
is house was a complete

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## Chance meetings on the bay

■ Ferry service played key role  
in shaping Berkeley's  
architectural scene

BY DENNIS EVANOSKY  
SECTION EDITOR

Part one of three

Berkeley's architectural landscape  
owes much to chance meetings on the  
19th-century ferries that carried com-  
muters on San Francisco Bay.

What would Berkeley's landscape be  
without the Sather Gate and the Sather  
Tower? Jane Krom Sather had both of  
these landmarks built: The tower in her  
banker husband, Peder's, memory and  
the gate in her own. If you believe  
Peder's children from his first marriage,  
Peder met their stepmother on a ferry  
boat on the bay.

A second meeting on the waters of  
bay, however, had repercussions be-  
yond the University of California's cam-  
pus. "Back in 1891," a passenger re-  
membered, "I was working at the  
California of Academy of Sciences in  
San Francisco and generally returned to  
Berkeley on the 5 (p.m.) commuters'  
ferry. My attention was drawn to a man  
of unusual appearance . . . He was of  
solid build with a face more or less cov-  
ered with whiskers. His expression was  
ruddy, like an outdoorsman. Instead of a  
vest, he wore a sash."

The passenger was Charles Augus-  
tus Keeler, a man Susan Dinkelspiel  
Cerny in "Berkeley Landmarks" de-  
scribes as "the most vocal proponent of  
the rustic house, for which Berkeley  
would become so well known."

The man with the unusual appear-  
ance was Bernard Maybeck.

Four years later, Keeler sought out  
Maybeck to design his home, giving  
Maybeck his first architectural commis-  
sion in Berkeley. Keeler described his  
experience with the architect as an edu-  
cation in architecture's "underlying and  
eternal principles."



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with a face more or less covered with  
whiskers."

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Who was Bernard Maybeck?

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Bernard was 19, his father, an immigrant  
woodcarver, sent him to Paris. He  
wanted his son to learn furniture design.  
Bernard went beyond anything his fa-  
ther ever imagined.

Bernard enrolled in the Ecole des  
Beaux-Arts, where he studied for five  
years. His training at the Ecole taught  
him not only the architectural discipline  
rooted in Classicism, but medieval and  
oriental styles as well.

When he returned to the United  
States, Maybeck first lived in Florida,  
then in Kansas City. He arrived in Cal-  
ifornia in 1890. The following year he met  
Keeler aboard that ferry on San Fran-  
cisco Bay. With the design of Keeler's  
home, Bernard began an odyssey that  
would change the face of architecture.

More next week.



DENNIS EVANOSKY

**LESSONS FROM PARIS:** When he designed Berkeley's First Church of Christ,  
Scientist, Bernard Maybeck applied what he learned at the Ecole des Beaux-Arts.  
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3246 Fernside Bl - \$519,000  
1421 Grove St - \$625,000  
1120 Holly St - \$376,000  
1080 Jost Ln - \$475,000  
325 Kitty Hawk #204 - \$250,000  
7 Lagorio Ct - \$709,000  
766 Lincoln Av - \$250,000  
161 Oyster Pond Rd - \$789,000  
2629 Santa Clara Av - \$438,000  
2101 Shoreline #477 - \$330,000  
502 Tideway Dr - \$719,000

## ALBANY

1127 Garfield Av - \$620,000  
948 Oldway St - \$425,000  
555 Pierce St #835 - \$324,000

## BERKELEY

2327 Cedar St - \$555,000  
24 Colorado Av - \$611,000  
1055 Creston Rd - \$575,000  
3030 Deakin St - \$727,500  
108 Forest Ln - \$520,000  
2631 Fulton St - \$785,000  
2724 Garber #A - \$325,000  
1530 Harmon St - \$325,000  
790 Keeler Av - \$626,000  
1117 Miller Av - \$750,000  
1112 Oregon St - \$310,000  
1214 Talbot Av - \$399,000  
476 Vincente Av - \$775,000  
1461 Virginia St - \$620,000

## EL CERRITO

6529 Alta Vista Dr - \$430,000  
1140 Arlington Bl - \$770,000  
641 Ashbury Av - \$370,000  
2015 Carquinez Av - \$456,000  
2637 Francisco Wy - \$513,000  
1711 Ganges Av - \$540,000  
1620 Liberty St - \$372,500  
2683 Tamalpais Av - \$539,000  
2626 Tuller Av - \$470,500

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6069 Buena Vista Av - \$910,000  
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2855 Butters Dr - \$550,000  
260 Caldecott #309 - \$402,500  
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2550 Carmel St - \$430,000  
1729 Church St - \$210,000  
1093 Clarendon Cr - \$850,000  
7970 Crest Av - \$400,000  
5100 Crockett Pl - \$750,000  
3693 Delmont Av - \$470,000  
1821 East 21st St - \$270,500  
9219 F St - \$200,000  
6517 Farallon Wy - \$685,000

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## A look around the East Bay real estate community

News and information for and about the area real estate community and affiliated industries.

## FOR THE PUBLIC

## Alameda Council Candidates

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The Rental Housing Association of Northern Alameda County addresses voter issues at the October membership meeting. The next meeting is at 6:45 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 17. The meeting is held at the Greek Orthodox Church, on Lincoln Avenue, in Oakland. The guest speaker is Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown. The discussion topic is an analysis of the November ballot. Non-members are also invited to attend.

Make your reservations early for the November meeting, to be held on Thursday, Nov. 21. "The Mold Menace" is the topic and the insurance industry's reaction to this problem. Contact RHA at 510-893-9873 or via email at RHANAC@pacbell.net.

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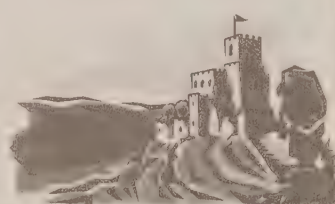


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There was a termite report in amount of \$301,000. We'd seen a house with a termite report, and we were impressed, just had to see what was wrong. The location was desirable: Berkeley hills, lovely neighborhood, bay views. So we went to see the house and found that it wasn't much house remaining. Shockingly so, we thought. We could walk on the floors, was left of them, go through the house, pass through what was the kitchen. The house had been so neglected for so very long that every part of its construction seemed to be broken or falling apart: windows, doors, frames gone, fixtures, plumbing and heat not working, every surface with rents in it. The plaster had crumbled, the plumbing and electrical were sagged. It was kinda creepy to be in what little remained of a (long ago) nice house, and we wondered, of course, what the house, who had lived there why this house had been allowed to fall slowly part. We also wanted to know if the house

could possibly bring its asking price, almost half a million dollars, when the place was obviously uninhabitable.

Could it be the value of the land was so high? Might this building be repaired? The termite report covered only portions of the work: some foundation repair, but not all of it, shower and window replacement, and such. But these were only the beginning of what would be needed.

And so, we watched to see what would happen with this property, and although we were there only once, did not go back again with a buyer and more closely inspect it, we were still so curious that we asked the listing agent about the sale.

For it did sell. The agent held it open on a Sunday and a hoard of bargain hunters showed up. Some shook their heads, as we had, and left. But others stayed, lingering, looking over the remains, probably trying to decide if it would be best to tear the building down, and if so, should they try to buy it anyway?

Just to make things more complicated, the owner of the house had died, and the sale had to be confirmed in court. This meant that once a buyer entered into contract with the estate, the price he was willing to pay would be openly publicized. Anyone else who also wanted the house could appear in court on an appointed day and overbid the ac-

cepted offer. In other words, the initial buyer might be buying the house, but maybe not.

The number of people interested in this house was simply astounding. The listing agent gave out disclosure packages containing termite and engineering reports to more than 50 different people. She received so many phone calls about the property that she had to set up a separate voice mail box to handle them. On it she recorded a message about the status of the house, how to see the inside and get copies of the disclosures, and what had to be done to make an offer.

Most of these folks, especially after reading the reports, thought better of buying, but there were still five buyers who tried to make the house theirs.

The selected offer was \$500,000, completely as is. The court was petitioned for a date and one was set for about 5 weeks later. Only two people showed up in court, the initial offeror and one other. The first guy dropped out when the price reached \$525,000. The house was sold to a couple, newly in Berkeley from out of state, and first-time home buyers.

First-time home buyers! Wow! That's pretty interesting. I wonder what their plan is. Will they fix it? Tear it down? Why this house?

We've driven by the outside many times since the sale closed in early August. There are no signs of activity yet. No bulldozers, no scaffolding, no cement trucks. I do hope that we get to hear the rest of this story.

Anyway, if your house is in bad shape and you want to sell it the way it is, you might be able to. This estate got a whole lot of money for a very broken-down building.

Pat Talbert and Anet Tarpoff can be reached at 510-653-2050 or at [www.tarpoffandtalbert.com](http://www.tarpoffandtalbert.com).

## Realists host state convention

ACCREDITED REAL PROPERTY BROKERS and the Associated Real Property Brokers will host the California Association of Real Estate Brokers (CAREB) 28th Annual Conference Expo from Tuesday, Oct. 22 through Friday, Oct. 25. Realists from throughout the state will converge at the Oakland Convention City Center & Convention Center for four days of education, networking. The conference will culminate with a housing expo on Oct. 25.

The theme — "Empowering Strategies for 2003" — will focus on providing those who attend with the tools to compete in a technology driven industry. Strategy sessions are planned for real estate agents and loan originators. "Technology Track" sessions cover handhelds, digital cameras, Outlook and virtual tours. Motivational speakers and exhibitors will also be on hand.

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Red Oak Realty will strengthen its Oakland presence with this state-of-the-art office at Broadway and Pleasant Valley Avenue.

## Red Oak Realty opens new office

■ The public is invited to a grand-opening celebration at the new office tomorrow from noon to 5 p.m., with live music, food, and door prizes.

RED OAK REALTY

In response to a strong home-buyer market, the largest independent real estate firm in the East Bay is opening a new office in Oakland. Red Oak Realty's newest office will be located at 2099 Pleasant Valley

at Broadway. "We are excited to have a significant presence in the neighborhoods of Rockridge, Piedmont Avenue and Temescal," explains Laurie Capitelli, Sales Manager. "Red Oak has been representing Oakland clients for over 26 years. We felt it was time to have a more visible presence in that market."

The new office is located in a renovated retail store and incorporates sustainable and recycled materials, such as bamboo flooring in the reception area. Energy conser-

vation is achieved by utilizing energy efficient lighting, window treatments, and efficient heating/cooling systems.

The architect, Matthew Friedman, created a warm and welcoming environment with the use of wood tones with other materials and warm colors. White mahogany and ebonyized countertops provide a counter-balance to the building's modern style with its chrome and glass.

See RED OAK, Page B4

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**14402 OUTRIGGER DR. OPEN SAT-SUN 2-4**  
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**14163 SEAGATE DRIVE**  
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**14636 OUTRIGGER DR. New Listing.**  
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**14525 FLAGSHIP ST**  
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## Red Oak

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On display are historic black-and-white photographs of the various neighborhoods the firm represents. As in the two Berkeley offices, there will also be a rotating art gallery featuring local artists.

The public is invited to a grand-opening celebration at the new office tomorrow from noon to 5 p.m., with live music, food, and door prizes.

There will be a silent auction with proceeds donated to the Marcus Foster Education Institute.

Red Oak Realty opened its doors in 1976 and is still owned and operated by the three founders.

For many years, the company, with two offices in Berkeley, has been named by The San Francisco Business Times as one of the "Most Productive 25 Real Estate Companies" in the greater Bay Area.

The company serves the East Bay, including the communities of Oakland, Piedmont, Berkeley, Kensington, Albany, El Cerrito and Richmond.

In 2000, readers of the Hills Newspaper Group voted Red Oak Realty the "Best Real Estate Company" in the East Bay.

### Red Oak Opportunity Fund

For the past 12 years, the firm's non-profit arm, the Red Oak Opportunity Fund (ROOF) has donated over \$250,000 to deserving local homeless and education organizations, which do not receive significant funding from other sources.

ROOF is funded by donations from Red Oak Realty's agents, supplemented by matching donations from the company, clients and friends. Last year over \$40,000 in grants were awarded to local groups.

This year's grants, to be awarded in January, 2003, are expected to exceed \$50,000.

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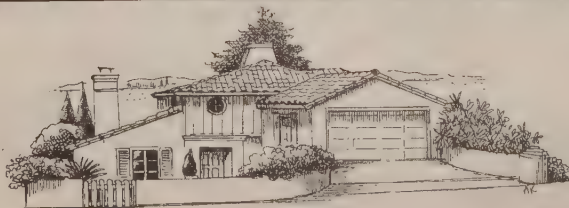
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#### WCR LUNCHEON

The Women's Council of Real-  
tors East Bay Chapter monthly  
meeting date is Friday, Oct. 18. The  
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11:30. The location is the Ark at Pier  
29 on 29th Avenue in Oakland (at  
the foot of the Park Street Bridge).  
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#### WHAT'S UP DOC??

### Realtists

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After daylong sessions, Real-  
tists will enjoy a variety of  
events. There is a welcome re-  
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Wednesday's activities include  
opening ceremonies, the Expo  
ribbon-cutting and an evening  
reception followed by Casino Night.  
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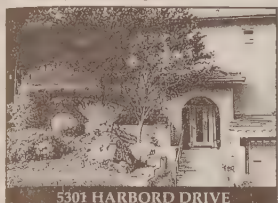
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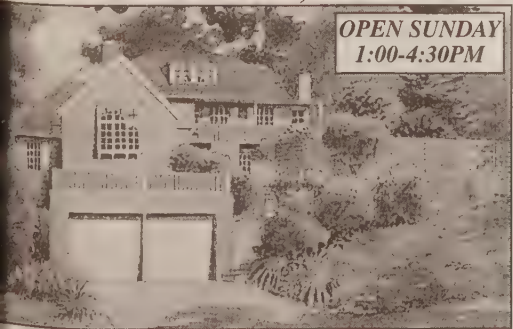
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 2726 Garden St - \$305,000  
 6267 Girvin Dr - \$625,000  
 6025 Glenarms Dr - \$755,000  
 5301 Harbord Dr - \$1,100,000  
 6000 Holway St - \$265,000  
 1968 Hoover Av - \$520,000  
 555 Jean St #416 - \$179,000  
 2980 Jordan Rd - \$579,000  
 3316 Laguna Wy - \$410,000  
 3325 Loma Vista - \$245,000  
 4101 Lyman Rd - \$539,000  
 2917 MacArthur 3J - \$165,000  
 3251 Madeline St - \$400,000  
 3230 Maple Av - \$415,000  
 6601 Mokelumne Av - \$300,000  
 199 Montecito #107 - \$274,000  
 3821 Nevil St - \$390,000  
 3144 Nicol Av - \$405,000  
 6680 Pine Needle - \$660,000

2420 Rampart St - \$399,000  
 17 Ronada Av - \$635,000  
 545 Rosal Av - \$438,000  
 23 Schooner Hill - \$655,000  
 4944 Scotia Av - \$435,000  
 74 Sheridan Rd - \$794,000  
 4522 Steele St - \$347,500  
 991 Sunnyhills - \$1,050,000  
 8180 Surrey Ln - \$605,000  
 9209 Thermal St - \$285,000  
 5314 Thomas Av - \$605,000  
 1542 Tucker St - \$240,000  
 1544 Tucker St - \$291,500  
 1548 Tucker St - \$329,000  
 1550 Tucker St - \$326,000  
 1552 Tucker St - \$230,500  
 1554 Tucker St - \$238,500  
 1558 Tucker St - \$233,500  
 4506 Tulip Av - \$220,000  
 330 Vernon #307 - \$315,000  
 122 Vicente Rd - \$1,175,000  
 10201 Voltaire Av - \$261,000  
 3 W. E'cadere 231 - \$335,000  
 41 Whittle Ct - \$360,000

## PIEDMONT

37 Dudley Ct - \$1,225,000  
 406 El Cerrito - \$761,000

## RICHMOND

557 11th St - \$316,000  
 666 31st St - \$285,000  
 1544 6th St - \$280,000  
 758 8th St - \$201,000  
 48 Alamo Av - \$75,000  
 3632 Black Feather - \$470,000  
 1129 Brookside Av - \$297,000  
 1936 Carquinez Av - \$448,000  
 222 Chesley Av - \$175,000  
 2712 Cutting Bl - \$195,000  
 44 Grove St - \$325,000  
 2627 Humphrey - \$255,000  
 651 Kern St - \$515,000  
 316 Maine Av - \$175,000  
 524 Marina Wy - \$250,000  
 1560 Mariposa St - \$364,000

2430 McBryde Av - \$270,000  
 1082 McLaughlin St - \$445,000  
 2716 Moyers Rd - \$258,000  
 2920 Ohio Av - \$195,500  
 1759 Pennsylvania - \$325,000  
 2815 Rheem Av - \$277,000  
 214 Ripley Av - \$239,000  
 2131 Roosevelt Av - \$310,000  
 24 Seagull Dr - \$470,000  
 3968 Selmi Grove - \$431,500  
 41 Southwind Cr - \$497,000  
 509 Verde Av - \$230,000

803 Alice Av - \$355,000  
 361 Aloha Dr - \$381,000  
 472 Alvarado St - \$543,000  
 15689 Anchorage - \$488,000  
 3716 Anza Wy - \$389,000  
 3834 Anza Wy - \$340,000  
 1333 Avon Av - \$358,000  
 882 Billings Bl - \$288,000  
 594 Black Pine Dr - \$400,000  
 1258 Breckenridge - \$379,000  
 428 Caliente Dr - \$244,000  
 3853 Carmel Wy - \$375,000  
 14583 Corvallis St - \$369,000  
 1637 Dillela Av - \$350,000  
 771 Douglas Dr - \$296,000  
 947 Durant Av - \$250,000  
 843 Dutton Av - \$525,000  
 495 Fortuna Av - \$378,500  
 90 Georgia Wy - \$375,000  
 16365 Gordon Wy - \$257,000  
 93 Harlan St - \$330,000  
 907 Kenyon Av - \$380,000  
 15550 Lark St - \$275,000  
 14636 Outrigger - \$375,000

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1658 Keller Av - \$366,000  
 16052 P. Largavista - \$410,000  
 15557 Ronconi Dr - \$410,000  
 17204 Via Alamosa - \$410,000  
 1073 Via Honda - \$366,000  
 18200 Via Jose - \$410,000  
 1382 Via Lucas - \$366,000  
 1288 Via Manzanitas - \$366,000  
 16155 Via Sonora - \$366,000  
 992 William Dr - \$487,000

## By the numbers

## ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 17  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$250,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$440,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$440,000  
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## A CHANCE TO OWN A PIECE OF ORINDA HISTORY!

It is not very often we can offer a chance to buy such a special property in Orinda. The story of the house at 56 Camino Del Diablo goes back to the beginning of the 20th century when this was the home of Edward I. deLaviaga, a member of the most influential family in Orinda. This 3+ bedroom and two-bath home once adjoined a very large swimming pool that is now in lawn. The home features a wealth of antiquity and an old-fashioned charm. The beams in the living room and dining room are said to be from an oil-drilling rig used in Orinda. Most of the doors in the house are custom made and have much artistic glasswork. The walls in the dining room are laid in hand made tiles.

As special as the home is, it's the setting that is really spectacular. Surrounded by mature oak trees, this .73-acre property offers a huge park-like lot and a lot of privacy.

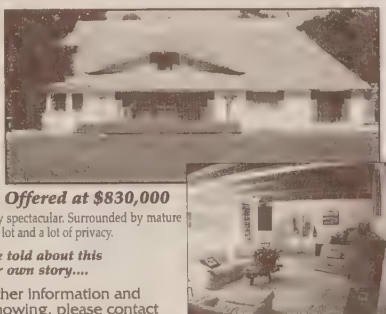
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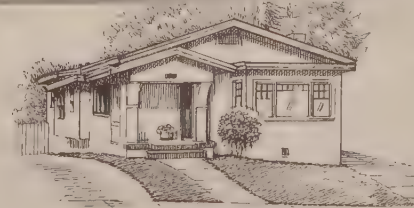


## 6223 Ridgemont Dr.

Wonderful one level view home in Ridgemont. 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, family room, large rear deck to take in the spectacular San Francisco and Bay view! New carpet and interior paint too. Special, unique property!

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## 1435 E. 36th St.

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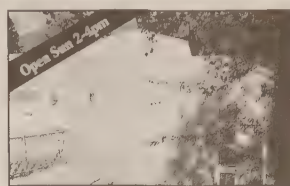
# HERITAGE REAL ESTATE FINE HOMES & ESTATES



**OAKLAND HILLS** \$559,000  
New Listing! Dazzling Bay views from this level 3 bedroom, 2 bath, Crestmont area home. Updated kitchen with adjoining family room, hardwood floors, spacious sunroom with terra cotta tile floor that leads to a level yard with 2 private patios. Deb Riney



**OAKLAND** \$359,000  
Wonderful Oakland Craftsman - formal living + dining rooms - fireplace - wood details - hardwood floors. Large landscape rear yard + patio. Must see. Sheila Brox Crawford



**MONTCLAIR** \$799,000  
2-year old architect's home. Dramatic high ceiling with skylights, staircase with glass bridge, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, huge family room + study/den. Mary Hanna



**GRAND LAKE** \$289,000  
1st time open. Spacious 1 + bedroom, 1.5 bath condo in secure building. Family room could be 2nd bedroom. Large living room with fireplace. All-electric kitchen with pantry and in-unit laundry. Secure deck for sunset views. Close to shopping and Lake Merritt. Easy commute location. Tom Erwin



**OAKLAND ROSE GARDEN** \$399,000  
Luxury personified in this very spacious remodeled 2 bedroom/2 bath condo with sweeping views of the Rose Garden. Formal dining room, marble fireplace in elegant living room, & 2 master suites make this a once in a lifetime opportunity. Carol Cohen



**OAKLAND/PIEDMONT PINES** \$629,000  
Super bright, open contemporary with soaring ceilings & numerous skylights. Walls-of-glass to in/outdoor spaces. Pristine throughout. Serene canyon views. Dana Cohen



**OAKLAND** \$250,000  
Cute 1890 Victorian. Needs TLC. Large yard. Bernard Magara



**MONTCLAIR** \$465,000  
Fantastic two bedroom with wooded views and bright living room opening onto very large deck. Tom Nemeth

**OAKLAND** \$209,000  
Well-maintained Contemporary "shingled" building on the Laurel border. Spacious 2-bedroom, 1.5 bath with fireplace and laundry. Updated kitchen & bath. Quiet, secure building. Close to shopping & recreation. Steven Biasatti

**ALAMEDA HEIGHTS TREASURE** \$519,000  
Expansive home with Bay views, pool, & gazebo on a 1/4 acre lot! Stylish finishes accent this extraordinary home. Separate artist's studio provides creative space for work or play. Must See! Ismail Abdullah

**MONTCLAIR** \$569,000  
Major remodeling completed with class. New kitchen - new hardwood floors. Updated baths. Large rear yard with new landscaping. Much, much more. Mel Copland

**NORTH OAKLAND** \$399,000  
Perfectly restored home on lovely North Oakland street. Updated with maple cabinets and granite countertops. Converted attic for storage. Tom Nemeth

**BERKELEY** \$399,500  
Fixer close to UC. 3 bedroom, 2 baths. Two-story.

**PIEDMONT AVENUE** \$565,000  
Suburban-Quiet within City-Excitement! Flawless townhome w/North Bay view. Inlaid hardwood, master suite w/spa; remote exterior blinds. German-finished powder room, abundant storage, 24 hr doorman/valet service & secure garage. Shown by appointment only. Tom Erwin

**LAKE MERRITT** \$533,000  
Spectacular panoramic views from every room of this suave 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo in famous Lake Merritt landmark high-rise. Amenities include blond parquet floors, 9' ceilings, wood-burning fireplace, formal dining room, abundant storage, 24 hr doorman/valet service & secure garage. Shown by appointment only. Tom Erwin

**LAKE MERRITT** \$295,000  
Bright & spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo in Lake Merritt landmark. Amenities include beautiful oak parquet floors, 9' ceilings, massive wood-burning fireplace, mahogany woodwork, formal dining room, walk-in closets, all-electric efficiency kitchen, 24 hr doorman/valet services & secure parking. Shown by appointment only. Tom Erwin

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**CLAREMONT HILLS** \$2,920,000  
WINSTON ST. (Open 2-4:30)  
Fine details grace this newly built piece. Come watch the Blue Angels in this private 1.52+/- acre wooded 5+BR/4.5BA. David Ichikawa x1331

**MONTCLAIR** \$1,585,000  
BROADWAY TER. (Open 2-4:30)  
Fabulous "courtyard" design. Fabulous San Francisco view. 4BR/3+BA, den w/kitchen. Francis Heath x1357

**MONTCLAIR** \$1,549,000  
GWIN RD. (Open 2-4:30)  
Just all level newer home on a level lot w/unsurpassed SF Bay views. 4+BA media rm & library. Teri Carlisle x1305

**CLAREMONT PINES** \$1,150,000  
MACACIA AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
Monterey Colonial. 4+BR/3.5BA. Suite. Formal dining & living rms. 1st floor level-out to private patio & garden. Attached garage. Ashley O'Neill x1368

**BERKELEY** \$1,100,000  
TUNNEL RD. (Open 2-4:30)  
Living! Splendid Claremont Mediterranean in lush gated courtyard. Palatial living library, kitchen, 3BR/3BA. See more at www.pacunion.com. Bonnie Hirsch x1337

**CROCKER HIGHLANDS** \$925,000  
CRESTLE GLEN RD. (Open 2-4:30)  
Beautiful 4+BR/2+BA Traditional on quiet street. Central hall floor plan, 1st floor sunroom, home office, pool & Michelle Miller x1335

**MONTCLAIR** \$865,000  
ASPINWALL RD. (Open 2-4)  
Well-designed 3BR/2BA home built 1977. Peaceful retreat surrounded by oak canyon & bay views! Decks & side patio. Leslie Easterday x1363

**MONTCLAIR** \$850,000  
MOUNTAIN GATE WY. (Open 2-4:30)  
Sitting! 1941 upgraded Traditional w/charming 4BR/2.5BA, formal dining room, remodeled kitchen, family rm & den. Extra large lot. Wendy Gardner x1303

**MONTCLAIR** \$839,000  
ESTATES DR. (Open 2-4:30)  
Mountain side of Montclair. Classic 4BR/2.5BA Mediterranean gem. Gorgeous formal, fam rm & home office. Park-like setting. Michelle Vasey x1359

**MONTCLAIR** \$729,000  
EXETER DR. (Open 2-4:30)  
Sitting! Spacious & sunny 3+BR/2+BA 1994 home. Filtered canyon & bay views. 1st floor deck & patio. David Hirsch x1356 & Charlotte Boyle x1370

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**MONTCLAIR** \$729,000  
33 CORTEZ CT. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Open, airy contemporary style home on large, mostly level lot. Bay views! 3+BR/2BA. Ann Nichols x1319

**CROCKER HIGHLANDS** \$719,000  
3701 BALFOUR AVE. (Open 2-5)  
Spacious 4+BR/1.5BA Traditional w/craftsman details. Built-ins w/leaded glass, sunroom & great yard. Gorgeous! Carla Buffington x1367

**CROCKER HIGHLANDS** \$699,000  
1392 TRESTLE GLEN RD. (Open 2-4:30)  
Updated Normandy with classic period details. Spacious public rooms, great plus spaces and private yard. 3+BR/2BA. Teri Carlisle x1305



**MONTCLAIR** \$668,000  
6520 HEATHER RIDGE WY. (Open 2-4:30)  
Montclair haven. 4BR/3BA, luxurious master suite w/private deck & hot tub. Approx 2800sf. & 3-car garage. Nancy Moore x1302

**UPPER ROCKRIDGE** \$595,000  
128 MANDALAY RD. (Open 2-4:30)  
Large 4BR/4BA home in great neighborhood. Big master suite, spacious eat-in kit, attached garage. Near Village Market & schools. Jack McPhail x1336

**GRAND LAKE** \$569,000  
538 CROFTON AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
Reduced! Sun drenched 3+BR/2BA traditional. Rich architectural details. Formal dining, hardwood flrs, level yard. Jeffrey Himmel x1307

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**CROCKER HIGHLANDS** \$559,000  
927 ALMA PL. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Wonderful sunny 3BR/2BA Traditional w/original details. Living rm w/fireplace, FDR, breakfast rm, deck & level yard. Sandi Klemmer x1314 & Dick Cohen x1308

**ROCKRIDGE** \$559,000  
5645 BROADWAY (Open 2-4:30)  
Reduced in Rockridge! Sunny 3BR/1+BA craftsman gem! Gorgeous oversized living rm/formal dining w/original woodwork & built-ins. Eat-in kit, garage. Jeffrey Himmel x1307

**KENSINGTON** \$558,000  
37 HIGHGATE RD. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Delightful 3+BR/2BA home in serene garden setting w/lovely bay views and versatile two-room suite. Gini Erick x1339

**POINT RICHMOND** \$550,000  
336 WASHINGTON AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
Fabulous 3+BR/2.5BA home! 2 fireplaces, solarium, spacious master suite, Quilant village. Leslie Gordon x1327

**REDWOOD HEIGHTS** \$539,000  
4356 DETROIT AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
2BR/1BA Traditional split-level on cul-de-sac. FDR, living rm w/fireplace, eat-in kit, hardwood flrs, level-out yard. Close to shopping. Francis Heath x1357

**PIEDMONT AVE.** \$529,000  
99 MONTELL ST. (Open 2-4:30)  
Beautiful 3+BR/2BA bungalow w/updated kit w/breakfast rm, large living rm w/fireplace & formal dining area. Master w/French doors to yard. Kathy Flynn x1317

**REDWOOD HEIGHTS** \$449,000  
2 BERNEVES CT. (Open 2-4:30)  
Spacious 3BR/2BA home w/master suite, living room w/built-ins, fam rm off kitchen. Enclosed sunroom & patio. Hdwd flrs under carpet. Diane Earl McCan x1352

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**ROCKRIDGE BORDER** \$449,000  
4975 DESMOND ST. (Open 2-4:30)  
Bright & sunny 3BR/2.5BA bungalow. FDR w/built-ins. Hardwood floors. Eat-in country kitchen. Jeffrey Himmel x1307

**OAKLAND HILLS** \$399,000  
56 HERITAGE (Open 2-4:30)  
Reduced! Lovely 3BR/2.5BA Sequoyah Heights townhouse, quiet cul-de-sac. Living rm w/fireplace, large dining area, eat-in kit & 2-car attached garage. Robyn Mohr x1310

**SAN LEANDRO** \$389,000  
569 JOAQUIN AVE. (Open 1-4)  
New Listing! Sunny & charming 2BR/2BA Traditional w/split-level floor plan. FDR, eat-in kitchen, new interior paint. Large yard w/patio & fruit trees. Michelle Miller x1335



**SAN LEANDRO** \$329,000  
15173 CROSBY ST. (Open 1-4)  
New Listing! Charming Washington Manor. 2BR/1BA, large level yard, beautiful hardwood flrs, remodeled kitchen & easy access to freeways. Joanna Hirsch x1366

**LAUREL** \$319,000  
4165 MASTERSON ST. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Adorable bungalow style 2BR/1BA updated home. Skylights in living room & kitchen. Level front & rear yard. Detached garage. Diane Earl McCan x1352

**ROSE GARDEN** \$269,000  
555 JEAN ST. #426 (Open 2-4:30)  
Sunny corner unit w/spacious patio, 2BR/2BA, new carpeting & interior paint, double paned windows. Amenities include pool, spa & parking. Michelle Miller x1335

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**PIEDMONT** \$1,850,000  
Elegant Traditional in central Piedmont. 4+BR/3.5BA up, great kitchen/family room. Many extras. Renovated throughout. Georgia Cornell x1325

**UPPER ROCKRIDGE** \$1,350,000  
1997 architect-designed English w/authentic charm. 3BR/3BA, bay views, fam rm w/fireplace, large gardens. Debi Fitzgerald x1306

**MONTCLAIR** \$1,345,000  
New custom craftsman w/sweeping SF/GG views. FDR, fam rm, gourmet kit. 5BR incl. au-pair/home office. 3.5BA. Wendy Gardner x1303

**CLAREMONT HILLS** \$1,295,000  
Great Bay view. 3+BR/3BA, beautiful master w/fireplace, hot tub. Updated. Level out gardens on .99+/- acre. Leslie Avanti x1341

**PIEDMONT** \$1,295,000  
Elegant 4BR/3BA remodeled English Tudor. New gourmet kit & remodeled baths, FDR, large deck off family rm/kit for entertaining. Lovely level yard. Rich Gould x1347

**UPPER ROCKRIDGE** \$1,150,000  
Stylish 1998 4BR/3.5BA home. Elegant master suite, kit/fam rm, level yard & SF/GG views. Great location. Dee Knowland x1318

**MONTCLAIR** \$1,049,000  
Striking level-in contemp. on almost 1/3 acre level lot. Wonderful flr plan w/4+BR/4+BA, gorgeous master suite, level yard, 3-car garage & city views. Fritz Hochfelner x1348

**BERKELEY** \$795,000  
For those who appreciate architecture, nature & understatement. 3BR/2BA, studio office & exceptional views. See more at www.pacunion.com. Gini Erick x1339

**ROCKRIDGE** \$539,000  
Classic bungalow. Sophisticated but whimsical flair. Convenient location near College Ave. Market Hall & BART. 2BR/2BA. Teri Carlisle x1305



**MONTCLAIR** \$529,000  
New Listing! Adorable English cottage w/beautiful garden on the Piedmont side of Montclair. 2BR/1BA, view. Kathleen Callahan x1343

**GLENVIEW** \$475,000  
Duplex on quiet cul-de-sac. Two 2BR/1BA units. Wonderful setting. Francis Heath x1357

**BERKELEY** \$299,000  
Charming 1+BR/1BA bungalow w/hardwood flrs, eat-in kitchen. Freshly painted inside & out. Close to transportation. Ashley O'Neill x1368

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\$995,000. Jane Allen x23



1000 Galvin St., Oakland  
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Glenview retreat on a cul-de-sac! 4 bdrms, 2  
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views, updated, light-filled kitchen, landscaped  
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\$645,000. Arlene Baxter x19



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3+ bdrms, 2 baths w/ 1 bdrm & bath on main  
level & 2+ bdrms & 1 bath upstairs. A French  
door leads to a deck from one upstairs bedroom,  
Douglas fir floors, lots of windows, an updated  
kitchen & laundry, & an exquisitely landscaped  
side yard. \$595,000. Norah Brower x26



1612 Belvedere, Berkeley  
Open Sun., 2-4:30

Just Listed! This bright & airy bungalow was  
recently remodeled & enjoys all the modern  
amenities: charming living rm & dining area,  
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opening to deck & private garden, mstr bdrm  
& bath w/ access to yard, 2 other bdrms & bath. Great  
location nr Cedar Rose Park, BART, frwys, Fanny's  
& 4th Street. \$470,000. Maya Trilling x18



757 Albemarle, El Cerrito  
Open Sun., 2-4

Just Listed! Delightful, spacious home framed by  
a canopy of mature trees. Gleaming hrdwd floors  
& many quality details. 2 generous bedrooms  
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5435 Ruth Ave., Oakland  
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Parkwood Condominiums, Oakland  
260 Caldecott Ln., #121. Open Sun., 2-4

Sun-filled, charming 1 bdrm w/ quiet, private  
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hardwood floors, nice area.  
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★ Open Sun. 2-4 \$350,000  
2932 Filbert, #4. Courtyard, loft,  
glorious light. Many upgrades.  
Hdwd. floors.  
Terrence Jue  
(510) 869-5588

★ Open Sun. 1-5 \$350,000  
8080 Earl. Charming 3BR/1BA  
country-like home w/hdwd.  
floors, fireplace, new landscaping  
in great area.

★ Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$339,000  
4500 Virginia Ave. Cute house in  
nice neighborhood. Crown  
molding in living room, low  
maintenance backyard. Filtered  
views of bay.  
Hernan Luna  
(510) 428-0900

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2BR, 1.5BA, water view, fireplace,  
2 story. Walk to sq., HOA.  
7 Embarcadero, #315.  
Anne Manley  
(510) 852-0055

★ Open Sun. 2-5 \$298,000  
5336 Walnut St. Lovely 2BR split-  
level. Mediterranean home in  
popular Maxwell Park. Spacious  
LR and formal DR with built-ins.  
Large kitchen w/adjacent  
breakfast room, office, and  
laundry area. Attached garage.  
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2254 Seminary. Spacious  
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landscaping.  
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★ Open Sun. 2-5 \$828,000  
1774 Leimert Blvd. Distinctive  
Miller Vvarneke designer Spanish  
style home built by Walter  
Leimert in 1934. Fabulous Bay  
and City views from two levels.  
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# California's median home price up 18.3% over last August

Sales decrease 1.5 percent, compared to same period, according to the California Association of Realtors

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS  
The median price of existing homes in California in August rose 18.3 percent and sales decreased 1.5 percent compared to the same period a year ago, according to the California Association of Realtors. "The residential real estate market continued to post impressive gains in median home prices in nearly every region of the state last month," said C.A.R. President Robert Bailey. "Prices have increased by double digits statewide in 10 of the past 12 months. We anticipate the pace of home price increases to taper off somewhat as the market enters what is typically a slower season in the next few months."

Closed escrow sales of existing, single-family detached homes in California totaled 562,780 in August at a seasonally adjusted annualized rate, according to information collected by C.A.R. from more than 90 local Realtor associations statewide. Statewide home resale activity decreased 1.5 percent from the 571,070 sales pace recorded in August 2001.

"The mixed economic signals of recent weeks have kept interest rates near historic lows. They continue to impact the residential real estate market in terms of both sales and refinancing activity," said C.A.R. Vice President and Chief Economist Leslie Appleton-Young.

The statewide sales figure represents what the total number of homes sold during 2002 would be if sales maintained the August pace throughout the year. It is adjusted to account for seasonal factors that typically influence home sales.

The median price of an existing, single-family detached home in Cal-

ifornia during August 2002 was \$334,100, an 18.3 percent increase over the \$282,420 median for August 2001, C.A.R. reported. The August 2002 median price increased 3.6 percent compared July 2002.

Highlights of C.A.R.'s resale housing figures for August 2002:

■ C.A.R.'s Unsold Inventory Index for existing, single-family detached homes in August 2002 was 2.7 months, compared to 3.1 months for the same period a year ago. The index indicates the number of months needed to deplete the supply of homes on the market at the current sales rate.

■ Thirty-year fixed mortgage interest rates averaged 6.29 percent during August 2002, down from 6.95 percent in August 2001, according to the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. Adjustable mortgage interest rates averaged 4.38 percent in August 2002 compared to 5.71 percent in August 2001.

■ The median number of days it took to sell a single-family home

was 24 days in August 2002, compared to 29 days for the same period a year ago.

In a separate report covering more localized statistics generated by C.A.R. and Real Estate Solutions' MetroScan service, 305 of 342 California cities and communities showed an increase in their respective median home prices from a year ago.

Using the MetroScan database, median home prices are generated from new and existing condominium and single-family closed escrow sales. These localized MetroScan statistics are based on county records data rather than MLS information.

Large changes in local median home prices typically indicate both local home price appreciation, and often, large shifts in the composition of housing market activity. Some of the variations in median home prices may be exaggerated

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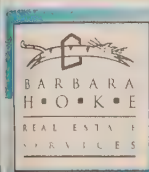


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## Huge Versatile Home

Built originally in the late 1800's, this expansive East End home has grown over the years to its present six total bedrooms. Once a duplex, it has separate access to a wing of the house, ideal for au pair, home business or in-law unit. Its location in Alameda's desirable East End boast excellent schools and parks with close proximity to Bay Farm, the golf course and Oakland International Airport. It is a bike rider's dream ride to the Costal Pathway and Bike Bridge, to the beach and downtown.

There are 3 bedrooms with full bath on each floor. The master bedroom has a ceiling fan and enormous, walk-in closet. The upstairs bath was tastefully remodeled in 1998 when a new roof and sewer lateral were installed for the property. Set on a sleepy street, the oversized lot (5,750) with fenced yard and long drive way is great for everyone. The detached garage has been remodeled, strengthened, expanded and re-wired with permit. There is a new Trex deck and spacious hot tub. The kitchen is wonderfully appointed with convection microwave oven, ceiling fan, center island, gas burners and stove, ice maker, disposal and dishwasher, with natural light from the green house window.



All appliances, including the washer and dryer stay with the property at closing. The living and dining room floors are maple. There are some double pane windows and ample storage throughout the house. Come and see this home ideal for your growing needs.

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#### Featured Property



**NEW LISTING! \$549,000**  
This charming Montclair cottage, off a private road, is completely fenced with a level front yard. A cheerful living room with skylight & fireplace opens to the plus room that can be your very own workshop area. The brand new deck can be accessed from the country kitchen with granite counter tops and the master suite offers ample storage, full bath and generous closet space.  
1796 Woodhaven Way  
Nahid Nassiri 510-339-8400

#### DESIGNED TO COMMAND ATTENTION \$899,000

4,700 sq. ft., 6 Bed/4.5 bath contemporary on 1.4 acre secluded and surrounded by S.F. and canyon vistas. 20 foot vaulted ceilings, angular walls of glass, 1200 sq. ft. master retreat.  
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To own an unusual 4++Bd/2 ba. Traditional. First time on the market in 46 years! Many of the original features of the 1920's are still intact. The wide arched windows, crown moldings, hardwood floors and novel built-ins create unusually light and sunny grandeur.  
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#### EXECUTIVE RETREAT \$839,688

In the Montclair hills. Beautiful tri-level home with hard to find flat backyard. Home is 10 years new. Several skylights provide lots of light. This home is perfect for entertaining. Open 1-5 pm.  
8026 Shepherd Canyon  
Michael Godanis 510-339-4000

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**PIEDMONT SIDE OF MONTCLAIR \$829,000**  
Elegant 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with a view of San Francisco skyline. Beautiful upgraded bathrooms. Great indoor-outdoor living space-lovely gardens. Perfect condition. Walk to Village.  
6430 Estates Jennie Lippincott 510-339-8400



**JUST LISTED! \$650,000**  
Large Oak Hills home near country club. Great floorplan with large front/rear yards for garden or play. Bat-in kitchen with skylight. 2 fireplaces, formal living room and formal dining room.  
4738 Sequoyah Rd. Ken Nwokodi 510-339-4000

#### THE ULTIMATE HAVEN \$596,000

Relax in this 3+ Bedroom, 3 full bath home on quiet cul-de-sac. Sunny and spacious kitchen w/ level out patio + 2 large bonus rooms & lots of storage. Near all conveniences.  
1021 Elbert Ave. Arnold Mueller 510-339-4000

#### EXCEPTIONAL SHINGLE DUPLEX \$589,000

Beautifully remodeled. Colorful formal rooms with built-ins, fireplace and hardwood floors. Top unit 3/2 + Family room. Lower unit 1/1 + Studio. Currently vacant. Landscaped front garden and spacious rear yard. Just blocks from BART, shopping and Children's hospital.  
5314-16 Dover St. Lori Moon 510-339-8400



**BEAUTIFUL MEDITERRANEAN \$498,000**  
Back on the market! 3+ bedrooms, 3 full baths. Step down living room with hardwood floors, huge formal dining room and a sunny kitchen with beautiful tiles. Over 2,000 sq. feet.  
3965 Turnley Ave. Gary Robinson 510-339-4000

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**WONDERFUL BUNGALOW! \$485,000**  
In the Rose Garden area, with easy commute to San Francisco, this home has spacious, light rooms, beautiful hardwood floors, charming Mediterranean fireplace & arches. Plus, a rose garden in the back.  
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**NEED SPACE? \$469,500**  
Roomy split-level contemporary in Redwood Heights on corner lot. Living room, dining room, eat-in kitchen, fireplace, large family room & two-car garage.  
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**PRICE REDUCED! A MUST SEE! \$450,000**  
Great corner home featuring beautiful hardwood floors throughout. Formal living room w/ fireplace, formal dining room and remodeled kitchen and bath. Attached 2-car garage.  
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**WELCOME HOME! \$360,000**  
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Angela Ross 510-339-8400

### Open Sunday 10/13

**STUNNING CRAFTSMAN \$369,000**  
Original 1925 built-ins and details enhanced by quality upgrades and designer colors. Gorgeous hardwood floors, sunny rear yard. A 2/1 beauty in San Leandro's North area.  
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Noni Robinson 510-339-4000



**JUST LISTED! \$199,000**  
Bright condo with fabulous view! Watch the deer graze from your living room overlooking the pastoral hills! Lovely unit almost 900 sq. ft., new bath & appliances, new carpet. Open Sunday 2-4:30  
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www.PatriciaBennett.com 510-339-8400

#### By Appointment

**RARE JULIA MORGAN BUILDING \$1,400,000**  
It has a penthouse on the top and a cottage in the rear. The sun-filled penthouse has marvelous views of San Francisco, Golden Gate and Bay bridges. Freshly updated with tile floors and new appliances. There are two Chioprac offices and a one bedroom unit in the main house. Plans available for a two bedroom one bath conversion in the basement. Off street parking.  
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**ADAM'S POINT 7 UNIT BUILDING \$998,000**  
Four are 2/1 includes a split level owner's unit & private balcony. Three are 1/1. 6 parking spaces. Annual income \$97,500. All units have hardwood floors. Some upgrades in kitchen & bath. 216 Orange St.  
Noni Robinson 510-339-4000

**CROCKER HIGHLANDS! \$895,000**  
Still available! This beautifully maintained traditional is just waiting for someone to enjoy its charm and spacious living. Large formal living & dining rooms perfect for entertaining; extras include family room, breakfast room, home office and plenty of storage. Near public transit & major freeways. 3+ Bd/3 ba. All offers considered.  
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**NEW CONSTRUCTION \$749,000**  
New contemporary in Montclair 4+4/4. Light filled, great for family and entertaining. Wooded views and close to nature trail. Hardwood floors, granite and tile.  
Gayatri Srikanth 510-339-8400

**LIVE IN ONE, RENT THE OTHER \$638,000**  
4-plex in pretty street, close to transportation. Spacious units: One-3 Br., Two-2 Br., One-1 Br. Very clean. Drive by 3740 Laurel Ave.  
Teresa Chan 510-339-4000

**IMPRESSIVE BAY VIEWS! \$619,000**  
From walls of glass in the living & dining rooms of this spacious, one owner home. The level in main entry allows easy access to the free flowing floorplan. This home features a large eat-in kitchen, den or 5th bedroom, generous rumpus room w/ fireplace & a master suite w/ deck and full bath.  
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**THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS \$489,000**  
A distinct Montclair cottage w/ great bay views from almost every window. 2 bd., 1 ba. main level, & a non-conforming 1 bd., 1 ba. in-law w/ huge deck on the lower level & 2 detached office spaces that allow you to work from home in a private setting surrounded by professional landscaping.  
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**CHARMING RETREAT \$449,000**  
Cute 3 bedroom w/cathedral ceiling, large updated kitchen, hardwood floors and brick fireplace.  
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**HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS \$340,000**  
Wonderful family home in Maxwell Park. Spacious two bedroom with "family" kitchen, large living room & dining room. Home has pretty vistas from arched living room window.  
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**GARDEN LOVER'S DELIGHT \$279,000**  
Bring your watering can to this Mediterranean beauty. Sun filled home with hardwood floors and updated bathroom. There is a deck and lots of flowers and fruit trees. Clear pest report and new roof. New garage door with opener.  
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**MONTCLAIR LOT \$1,250,000**  
Unique 7-acre lot with spectacular views, for that dream estate with a prestigious address. Private driveway, great location, fire lot. 1 Travis Ave. Gayatri Srikanth 510-339-8400

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# Sales

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**ALBANY**  
TOTAL SALES: 3  
LOWEST PRICE: \$324,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$620,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$425,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$456,333

**BERKELEY**  
TOTAL SALES: 14  
LOWEST PRICE: \$310,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$785,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$564,536

**EL CERRITO**  
TOTAL SALES: 9  
LOWEST PRICE: \$370,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$770,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$470,500  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$495,667

**EL SOBRANTE**  
TOTAL SALES: 4  
LOWEST PRICE: \$260,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$421,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$327,625

**EMERYVILLE**  
TOTAL SALES: 10  
LOWEST PRICE: \$205,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$351,500  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$269,900

**EVANSTON**  
TOTAL SALES: 4  
LOWEST PRICE: \$425,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$815,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$614,750

**OAKLAND**  
TOTAL SALES: 85  
LOWEST PRICE: \$156,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,175,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$360,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$414,424

**FIDELMONT**  
TOTAL SALES: 2  
LOWEST PRICE: \$761,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,225,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$993,000

**FIDUCOMOND**  
TOTAL SALES: 28  
LOWEST PRICE: \$75,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$515,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$306,214

**SAN LEANDRO**  
TOTAL SALES: 33  
LOWEST PRICE: \$244,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$543,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$375,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$372,439

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## 2 New Listings



**6750 Snowdon Ave., El Cerrito**

Get the most for your money. Live high on a hill in this large San Francisco Bay view two story home. Large living room w/fireplace, formal dining room, 7 bedrooms, 3 full baths, family room, 2 car attached garage. Level yard & much more. Listed at \$724,950



**400-21st St., Richmond**

North & East Richmond duplex - two large units, new roof, live in one - rent out the other or buy as an investment, could be a cash cow. Great condition. Priced at \$219,000

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**STUNNING REMODEL \$499,900**  
6920 Potrero Ave. (Open Sun 2-4). 3BR plus love, 1.5BA, huge family room, new paint in & out, with new Berber and wood stove insert gleaming refinished random plank hardwood floors, remodeled kitchen and baths, living room w/fireplace, large fenced backyard w/patio & lawn areas, 2 car attached garage w/interior access. Extremely clean and in move-in condition. #02032427. [www.geristem.com](http://www.geristem.com)

**HANDSOME AND SPACIOUS CONTEMPORARY IN MIRA VISTA \$539,000**  
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SPARKLING DOLLHOUSE NEAR SOLANO \$359,900  
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AAA Mortgage	30-yr Fixed 5.875...0.000 5.970...45	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5.875...1.500 6.060...45	15-yr Fixed 5.250...0.000 5.400...45	15-yr Fxd Jumbo 5.500...0.000 5.577...45	0 point loans available - no cost Open weekends 888-821-6200
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AimLoan.com, A Direct Lender	30-yr Fixed 6.000...0.000 6.117...30	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 6.250...0.250 6.321...30	15-yr Fixed 5.375...0.000 5.568...30	10/1 ARM Jumbo 5.109...0.250 5.109...30	Apply online 24/7 Lock 7 days a week
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DRE#01197415 Fees=\$1858					
Cal-State Funding	30-yr Fixed 5.750...1.000 5.940...45	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 6.125...1.000 6.320...45	5/1 ARM Jumbo 5.000...1.000 5.190...45	3/1 ARM Jumbo 4.500...1.000 4.690...45	CALL US FOR YOUR NEXT LOAN... WE DO IT ALL... RIGHT
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Downey Savings & Loan	30-yr Fixed 5.750...1.000 5.871...60	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 6.000...1.500 6.156...60	1-mo COFI ARM* 2.950...1.000 5.409...45		Direct lender. 45 yrs experience; fixed & adjust rate mtgs. *Pot. neg. amt. Apply online at <a href="http://www.downeysavings.com">www.downeysavings.com</a>
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Mortgage Market	30-yr Fixed 6.000...0.000 6.113...30	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 6.375...0.000 6.491...30	15-yr Fixed 5.375...0.000 5.561...30	5/1 ARM Jumbo 5.500...0.000 5.610...30	Credit problems, bankruptcy, difficult loans our specialty. All gov't loans, 100% loans, credit lines, construction
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DRE#0130386 Fees=\$1992					
The Mortgage Center	30-yr Fixed 5.875...0.000 5.927...30	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 6.250...0.000 6.302...30	15-yr Fixed 5.250...0.000 5.302...30	15-yr Fxd Jumbo 5.750...0.000 5.802...30	Open Sat. & Sun. No-down purchases Bad credit okay.
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## PIEDMONT OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30 P.M.



### 47 ST. JAMES PLACE \$2,300,000

Stunning & dramatic contemporary designed to capture canyon views from each of the 12 rooms. Spacious w/ 10 meter indoor pool & gourmet kitchen. Adam Beta

### 44 CREST ROAD \$2,150,000

Exceptional English style home offering Old World charm. Circular staircase, vaulted ceiling & lovely tiles. Fireplace in the master bedroom. 4+BR/3+BA. Anne Feste

### 578 BLAIR AVENUE \$1,575,000

Charming Tudor in the heart of Piedmont. 4BR/3BA, rumpus room, formal dining room, breakfast room surrounded by lovely gardens. H. Buty/J. Roach

### 107 ESTATES DRIVE \$1,225,000

Very sunny & spacious traditional w/new state-of-the-art kitchen opening to solarium & deck. 4BR/3BA, huge lower level family room & train room. Steve Michaelides



### 2066 OAKLAND AVENUE \$1,195,000

This very sophisticated & elegant 3 BR home has it all! Glorious hardwood floors, gourmet kitchen & library. Great indoor/outdoor living. Anian Pettit Tunney

### 328 SCENIC AVENUE \$1,149,000

This fabulous 4BR/2.5BA home boasts spectacular views SF & includes wonderful outdoor spaces. Completely renovated. Debby DiMaggio

### 506 SCENIC AVENUE \$995,000

Beautiful Piedmont traditional with view. Features include: 3BR/2.5BA, formal dining room, den and plus rooms. Michelle Winchester



### 132 WILDWOOD AVENUE \$649,000

Light & airy 3BR/1.5BA starter home located near all conveniences! Living room with hill views. Eat-in kitchen patio and attached garage. Angela Wei Grubb

### 39 FAIRVIEW AVENUE \$749,000

Very charming 1906 home with wonderful formal rooms, large new eat-in kitchen and family room. Great deck and play area. Josephine O'Shaughnessy

### 241 SUNNYSIDE AVENUE \$599,000

Piedmont traditional with old world charm. Level-in two bedroom with original 1920's details. Spacious and in excellent condition! Angela Wei Grubb

### 1131 HARVARD RD. CALL FOR PRICE

Charming traditional in wonderful neighborhood. Spacious living & dining rooms, updated eat-in kitchen, flexible floorplan with 2+BR. Mindy Scott

## PIEDMONT - By APPOINTMENT

### CHARMING PIEDMONT \$885,000

This charming home w/wonderful architecture & marvelous spaces is located near Wildwood School. 3+BR/3BA, library & rumpus. Jean Simmons

### WILDWOOD GARDENS \$769,000

Sophisticated all level 2BR/2BA contemporary home in serene setting with updated kitchen, limestone baths and private flagstone patio. Mavis Delacroix

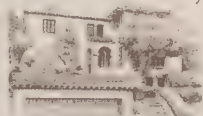
### PIEDMONT POTENTIAL \$649,000

Attractive southwestern style home w/city approved plans for expansion. Enjoy the light-filled "cottage". Near shopping & transportation. Mavis Delacroix

## BERKELEY - OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

### 2727 CLAREMONT BLVD. \$1,695,000

Fabulous Ratcliff in ideal location. Near park. 3+BR/2+BA. Large family room, 3rd floor great room. Grand & wonderful! Faye Keogh



### 1407 EUCLID AVENUE \$1,250,000

Elegant & beautiful Mediterranean near Berkeley's Rose Garden. 4+BR/4BA, study, lower level family room/in-law. 2-car garage, private garden. Faye Keogh

### 2535 BUENA VISTA WAY \$1,195,000

Beautifully remodeled and enlarged on an oversized lot in prized N. Berkeley neighborhood. 5BR/5.5BA, study, family room, updated kitchen, deck, landscaped garden & more. Susie Schevill

### 1451 OLYMPUS AVENUE \$998,000

Stately Mediterranean with expansive views of the Bay and bridges! 4BR/3BA includes an in-law set-up. Newer kitchen. Adjacent lot is also for sale. Angela Wei Grubb

### 1442 CAMPUS DRIVE \$669,000

Wooded modern retreat, open, airy & light! 3BR/2BA, recreation room, workshop/studio & beautifully updated throughout w/new deck & patio. Ronald Egberman

### 1326 4TH STREET \$399,500

The ultimate live/work loft designed by Slant Studio for Pixar & Designer owners! Gourmet kitchen, motorized skylights. Near 4th St. shops. 2+BR/2BA. Chris Cohn



### 2411 SACRAMENTO ST. \$349,000

Well-located, cozy 2BR/1BA central Berkeley bungalow! Formal dining room with built-ins and inviting sunporch. Helene Barkin

## BERKELEY, KENSINGTON & EL CERRITO - By APPOINTMENT

### SOPHISTICATED! \$1,450,000

Striking & dramatic architecture. Sophisticated w/ high-end finishes. 3BR/3.5BA, spacious garden. Great location. Faye Keogh

### CLAREMONT CLASSIC \$1,095,000

Claremont Court Classic! Stately 3+BR/2.5BA, close to shops, schools and BART! Spacious and beautiful! Quiet, tree-lined street! Bebe McRae

### CONTEMPORARY \$785,000

Sophisticated & modern describe this 60's contemporary. Sparkling Bay views. Garden w/a natural setting. 3+BR/2BA. Open floor plan. Ruth Frassetto

### STUNNING VIEWS \$625,000

Brilliant SF, bridge & Bay views! Park-like garden w/ lawns, flowers & trees. Indoor-outdoor living. Soaring ceilings & pen floorplan. 3BR/2BA. Chris Cohn

### CLAREMONT CONDO \$575,000

Decorator perfect, upper flat condo in Berkeley's Claremont! 2BR/2BA, study, sun room, formal dining, updated kitchen! Close to shops & BART! Bebe McRae

### KENSINGTON COTTAGE \$439,950

Kensington. Unique cottage w/flexible floorplan. Tranquil cul-de-sac setting bordered by acres of wooded preserve. Bay views from deck. 1+BR/2BA. Chris Cohn

### BERKELEY LOTS

### VIEW LOT WITH PLANS \$749,000

Large lot in Oakland/Berkeley hills w/views of SF & GG bridge. Building plans & permit avail. Angela Wei Grubb

### THOUSAND OAKS LOT \$425,000

Beautiful & almost level lot! 8900 Sq. ft of prime land w/ private park for pool & tennis! Partial views. Bebe McRae

### RARE OPPORTUNITY \$270,000

One of few remaining lots in Berkeley hills. Adjacent to 1451 Olympus Drive. Angela Wei Grubb

### SECLUDED LOTS \$250,000 EACH

2 generous downslope lots nestled among the trees w/ partial, filtered views. Ronald Egberman

## OAKLAND & SAN LEANDRO - OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30 P.M.



### 6228 SWAINLAND DR. \$1,695,000

Brand new stunning design infused w/old world touches. Elevator, partial Bay views, level out from kitchen/family room to garden. Exceptional! Debra J. Dryden

### 5983 SKYLINE BLVD. \$1,495,000

Stunning Tuscan style home by known builder Scott Cameron. Beautiful windows highlight gorgeous panoramic views of the city & beyond. Carin Caroe

### 2215 BYWOOD DRIVE \$1,395,000

New Price! Landmark Tudor, custom built, recently restored. Over 4000 sq. ft on 1/4 acre, updated kitchen, view & lovely garden. 4BR/4BA plus den. Katherine Cooper

### 1037 HUBERT ROAD \$975,000

Stunning architect-owner remodel of traditional 20's home features new kitchen & baths, sunny family room, 4BR/3BA, private garden, charming detached in-law cottage. Nancy Lehrkind

### 5642 GLENBROOK DRIVE \$895,000

Stylish & sophisticated home in desirable Claremont Pines. French doors open level-out to garden & patio. Den/study w/built-ins. Eat-in kitchen. Karen Starr

### 6343 ESTATES DRIVE \$849,000

Piedmont side of Montclair. Brown shingle w/lovely garden. Level-in. 4BR/3BA, family room, and rumpus. Close to Montclair Village. Elizabeth Dickson

### 5733 ROSS STREET \$829,000

Storybook 5BR/3BA Tudor located on a oversized lot. Features include: random plank hardwood floors and an abundance of original charm. Mavis Delacroix

### 5 CAPTAINS COVE \$799,000

This exceptional property features a fabulous floor plan, SF Bay views & tranquil outdoor spaces. Elegant master suite, kitchen/family room, office & bath. Bertina Balestrieri

### 856 SUNNYHILLS ROAD \$749,000

This charming cottage features a great kitchen, lovely deck & spacious garden, an enclosed sunporch upstairs & cozy den w/built-ins on main floor. Jill Carrigan



### 4337 LACRESTA AVENUE \$569,000

This sunny, private 3BR/2BA home w/gourmet kitchen is conveniently located in the desirable Upper Glenview neighborhood. Sheila Gallagher

### 4614 REDWOOD ROAD \$535,000

Sophisticated Mediterranean townhome in wonderful location. Upscale finishes throughout. Private courtyard & 2-car garage. Approximately 2,100 sq. ft. Ed Kuo

### 44 CORTEZ COURT \$499,000

Nepente in Montclair "The Roberson House". Built entirely of clear-heart redwood & sited to capture a Bay view on 1/3 acre. This home radiates warmth! Tricia Swift



### 65 SERENO CIRCLE \$459,000

This exquisite townhome features a sweeping SF Bay view, remodeled kitchen, dramatic living room, loft office & master suite. 2+BR/2BA. Sherry Benninger



### 3999 WHITTLE AVENUE \$449,000

3BR/2BA including a master suite, updated kitchen w/ granite, countertops, eating bar, hardwood floors, creek-side setting, private & secluded garden. Kurt Buchholz

### 2173 BRADHOFF AVENUE \$349,000

SAN LEANDRO. Charming bungalow. Sunny gardens, patio. Hardwood floors, formal dining, eat-in kitchen, 2-car garage. Move right in. Donna DeBardi

### 3381 ARKANSAS STREET \$299,000

Nice & cozy starter home on a cul-de-sac, near a creek. 2BR. Living room w/fireplace, sunny dining room. Easy access to 580. Annie Walrand

### 833C KINGSFORD AVENUE \$285,000

Top floor, sunny & bright 2BR/2BA condo. 2 dedicated & covered parking spaces, living room w/fireplace, updated kitchen. Close to Piedmont Ave. Carolyn Jones

## OAKLAND - By APPOINTMENT

### EXQUISITE HOME \$1,595,000

Enjoy the luxuries of a spa right in your own home w/ pool, sauna, hot tub, gardens & views. Mindy Scott

### MONTCLAIR HACIENDA \$1,350,000

Romantic Hacienda with lovely garden & pool. Fabulous kitchen, library. 3+BR/3BA. Faye Keogh

### UNIQUE & STYLISH \$1,275,000

Unique & stylish 4BR/2.5BA home w/fabulous chef's kitchen/family room & South Bay views. Patios & decks, perfect for indoor/outdoor living. Carolyn Jones

### MONTCLAIR \$1,250,000

Elegant, sunny and refreshing 4BR/3+BA contemporary with Bay view, family room off kitchen, wine cellar and huge garage. Debra J. Dryden

### CRAFTSMAN \$1,149,000

This lovely home boasts fine Craftsman details from the custom lighting to the new hardwood floors & dramatic beamed ceilings. Garden w/arbor. Debby DiMaggio

### LOVELY CONTEMPORARY \$949,000

Fabulous 2-yr old contemporary interpretation of traditional architecture. 3BR/2.5BA, great kitchen/family room & lovely gardens. Steve Michaelides

### CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$839,000

Elegant Normandy nestled behind English gardens & rear play area. Beautifully remodeled kitchen. 3+BR/2.5BA. Hardwood floors. Carin Caroe

### MONTCLAIR RETREAT \$799,000

Enjoy the Sonoma/Napa Valley without the commute. Estate-like setting. SF views, mature trees. 3BR/2.5BA, formal living & dining rooms. Debby DiMaggio

### VIEW CONTEMPORARY \$729,000

Stylish! 4BR/3BA view contemporary home w/that "Pottery Barn" look. Level entry. Mavis Delacroix

### STORYBOOK CAPE COD \$549,000

Delightful two story Cape Cod traditional. 3BR/1.5BA, random plank hardwood floors, decks, park-like garden. Redwood Heights School. Donna DeBardi

### MONTCLAIR HIDEAWAY \$539,000

Views of the Bay & hills in a lush garden setting are special features of this hideaway w/studio. Angela Wei Grubb

### 1940'S TRADITIONAL \$425,000

Sunny & bright 3BR traditional (circa 1940). Hardwood floors, updated kitchen, private garden & patios, two-car garage. Good shopping. Donna DeBardi

### PARKWOODS "MONTCLAIR" \$395,000

Sunny & bright top floor "Montclair" 2BR/2BA floor plan w/LOFT! View of Oakland hills. Tricia Swift

### PARKWOODS "PIEDMONT" \$379,000

Bright & airy 3rd floor "Piedmont" model w/2BR/2BA, cathedral ceilings. Pool, gym & sauna. Tricia Swift

### PARKWOODS BEAUTY! \$285,000

Bright 1BR/1BA top floor "Golden Gate" model w/canyon view. In-unit laundry. Sheltered patio. Tricia Swift

### "GOLDEN GATE" \$265,000

Charming & bright "Golden Gate". 1BR/1BA condo in choice location at a fabulous price! Tricia Swift



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Among the highlights of the August localized data collected by C.A.R. and Real Estate Solutions:

Statewide, the 10 cities and communities with the highest median home prices in California during August 2002 were:

■ Palos Verdes Estates, \$1,020,000  
■ Beverly Hills, \$997,500;

■ Majibu, \$940,000  
■ Pacific Palisades, \$861,000; Burlingame, \$837,500  
■ Manhattan Beach, \$832,500  
■ Corte Madera, Greenbriar, Kentfield, Larkspur \$794,500  
■ Newport Beach, \$772,000  
■ Palos Verdes Peninsula, \$760,000  
■ Millbrae, \$750,000.

Statewide, the 10 cities and communities with the greatest median home price increases in August 2002 compared to the same period a year ago were:

■ Norco, 56.1 percent  
■ Sherman Oaks, 49.2 percent  
■ National City, 47.3 percent  
■ Seal Beach, 46.5 percent  
■ Redding, 45.7 percent  
■ South Pasadena, 41.7 percent  
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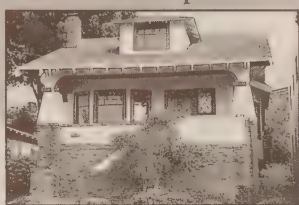


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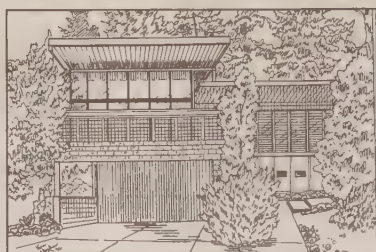
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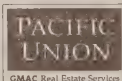
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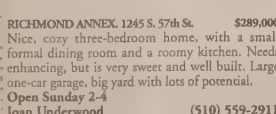
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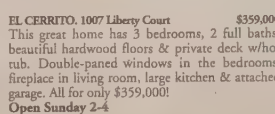
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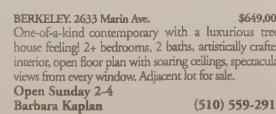
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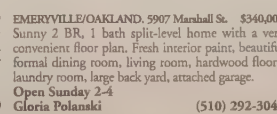
**RICHMOND ANNEX, 1245 S. 57th St.** \$289,000  
Nice, cozy three-bedroom home, with a small formal dining room and a roomy kitchen. Needs enhancing, but is very sweet and well built. Large one-car garage, big yard with lots of potential.  
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Joan Underwood (510) 559-2911



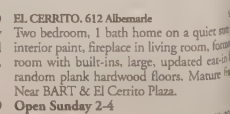
**EL CERRITO, 1007 Liberty Court** \$359,000  
This great home has 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, beautiful hardwood floors & private deck w/whot tub. Double-paned windows in the bedrooms, fireplace in living room, large kitchen & attached garage. All for only \$359,000!  
Open Sunday 2-4  
Rosita Thornton (510) 292-3044



**BERKELEY, 2633 Marin Ave.** \$649,000  
One-of-a-kind contemporary with a luxurious tree-house feeling! 2+ bedrooms, 2 baths, artistically crafted interior, open floor plan with soaring ceilings, spectacular views from every window. Adjacent lot for sale.  
Open Sunday 2-4  
Barbara Kaplan (510) 559-2910



**EMERYVILLE/OAKLAND, 5907 Marshall St.** \$340,000  
Sunny 2 BR, 1 bath split-level home with a very convenient floor plan. Fresh interior paint, beautiful formal dining room, living room, hardwood floors, laundry room, large back yard, attached garage.  
Open Sunday 2-4  
Gloria Polanski (510) 292-3049



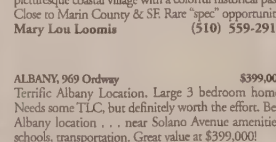
**EL CERRITO, 612 Alameda**  
Two bedroom, 1 bath home on a quiet street. Interior paint, fireplace in living room, formal room with built-ins, large, updated eat-in kitchen, random plank hardwood floors. Mature trees. Near BART & El Cerrito Plaza.  
Open Sunday 2-4  
Rosita Thornton (510) 292-3044



**OAKLAND-GRAND AVE. AREA, 746 Walker** \$679,000  
Brown Shingle Triplex! Desirable Grand Ave. area location. Units: one 3br/1ba, one + bed/1ba, one studio and converted garage for day use studio. 2 additional garages. Large yard.  
Open Sunday 2-4  
Ken Katz (510) 559-1444 x40



**OAKLAND, 3726 Linwood Ave.** \$579,000  
Exceptional Glenview Traditional! 4br/1 1/2 ba. Lovingly restored keeping original character intact. Energy efficient upgrades. Large custom kitchen including fine cherry cabinetry. Built-ins, mature garden with fruit trees. Pick apples from the hot tub! Easy access to transportation and much more!  
Open Sunday 2-4  
Ken Katz (510) 559-1444 x40



**ALBANY, 969 Ordway** \$399,000  
Terrific Albany Location. Large 3 bedroom home. Needs some TLC, but definitely worth the effort. Best Albany location... near Solano Avenue amenities, schools, transportation. Great value at \$399,000!  
Open Sunday 2-4  
Juliana Wynberg (510) 559-1444 x31



**BERKELEY, 1900 Parker Street** \$399,000  
Wonderful Craftsman! 3 bedroom, 1 bath, formal dining room w/original built-ins. Beautiful hardwood floors throughout. Super spacious eat-in kitchen. Detached garage. New roof.  
Open Sunday 1-4  
Alice McLeish (510) 559-1444 x35



**BERKELEY, 175 Avenida Drive** \$399,000  
Seductive Berkeley Hills Contemporary! remodel with virtually all new amenities. 4br/3.5ba custom kitchen, master suite w/spa-bath w/soaking tub, vaulted ceiling, open floor plan, plus rooftop play or office. Detached artist studio & landscaping. Gorgeous views! www.marvingardens.com  
Open 2 Sundays, Oct. 13th & Oct. 20th  
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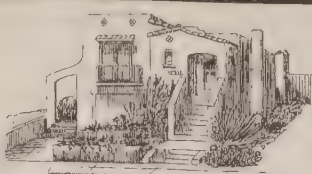
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## OPEN SUNDAY



### 5336 Walnut Street, Berkeley

This charming split-level Mediterranean home in popular Maxwell Park is ready for you. A lovely window greets you as you walk up the steps to the front door. You can attend concerts and plays at nearby Mills College and visit its prestigious art museum.

- Two Bedrooms
- Formal Dining Room with Built-Ins
- Spacious Kitchen
- Separate Breakfast Room w/Pantry
- Extra Room/Office
- Finished Basement Room/Music Room
- Secluded Backyard
- Attached One Car Garage with Interior Access

Listed at \$298,000

Virtual tour at [www.pruweb.com/NancyTaussig](http://www.pruweb.com/NancyTaussig)

**Nancy Taussig, Realtor**

845-0211 (office) • 986-9563 (voice mail)



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## Piedmont Side of Montclair

OPEN SUNDAY OCT. 13TH and SUNDAY OCT. 20TH • 1-5:00 PM

### 6333 Estates Drive Spectacular Period Revival Tudor

Magnificent estate circa 1926 is located on a spectacular almost one acre secluded lot offers commanding views of San Francisco, the Bay and more. Old world charm and details fill the grand scale foyer leading to the wood paneled library, large living and dining rooms and cozy breakfast room. Ascend the majestic staircase to the second level with four bedrooms and two plus baths and a gracious loggia draped in wisteria. Third level features 2 bedrooms, 1 bath and great attic room. TRULY EXTRAORDINARY

Offered at \$2,600,000

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**Jeffrey Neidleman 510-339-4731**

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[www.camoves.com/jeffreynidleman](http://www.camoves.com/jeffreynidleman)

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## TOTALLY GORGEOUS RESTORED BERKELEY CHARMER!!

1379 Delaware, Berkeley

This 1920's North Berkeley Bungalow features fine wood details and built-ins throughout. Top quality period fixtures are used with attention to every detail. The kitchen and baths are remodeled with classic features. FULL usable basement with guest area/office, laundry, 2nd bath. Extra large garden space. Perfect commuter location! \$565,000 See it at [NANSCAPE.COM](http://NANSCAPE.COM).



**Nancy Reichert Burley**  
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[nanscape@yahoo.com](mailto:nanscape@yahoo.com)



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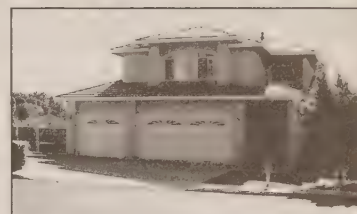
### Panoramic Bay Views

This custom 4+ bedroom, 2-1/2 bath home. Newer construction (1995) with approx. 3600 sq. ft. on three levels. This is your Dream Home - Dramatic tile entry, formal living room with coved ceiling, family room with fireplace, wet bar for entertaining. Huge gourmet kitchen with center island, tile counters, and breakfast room. Spacious master bedroom with views and luxurious, private bath. Huge "great room" could also be a 5th bedroom or au pair unit with separate entrance. 3-car garage, landscaping, and terracing. Quiet country setting with other custom homes nestled in the El Sobrante/Pinole hills. Simply stated: An elegant home!

Only asking \$769,000



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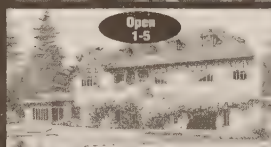


238 N. Rancho Place  
El Sobrante, CA 94803

**Chriss Bradley**  
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# Open Home Fall Festival



**6333 Estates Dr.**  
**MONTCLAIR**.....\$2,600,000  
6 BR 4 BA Magnificent circa 1926 estate on spectacular lot w/ views of SF, 3 levels, lovely period details, wood paneled library, grand foyer w/majestic stairway.  
**Jeffrey Neidleman & Donna Conroy**  
510.339.4700



**13730 Campus Dr.**  
**OAKLAND**.....\$1,200,000  
4 BR 4 BA Ridgmont. Your own mini-estate, serene setting w/delightful pool & spa. 2 family rooms, 3 fireplaces. Level entry. Dramatic decor.  
**Gene Della Maggiora**.....510.486.1495



**7112 Westmoreland**  
**HIGHLAND**.....\$1,095,000  
4 BR 3 BA Quality finishes, wonderful space. South Bay views, designed w/entertaining in mind; Mediterranean-style new construction  
**David Eckert**.....510.339.4700



**1007 Armit Dr.**  
**OAKLAND**.....\$899,000  
5 BR 3.5 BA NEW PRICE! Claremont Hills. Spectacular views from approx. 3200+ sq ft of flexible, arch-designed custom spaces. Artist's studio. Lots of light.  
**Sally Hendrickson**.....510.486.1495

## FIRST OPEN

**BERKELEY**  
SUN. 2-4 2465 Hilgard Ave. \$295,000  
1 BR 1 BA Wonderful 2nd story unit w/ balcony, surrounded by trees. Hwd flrs. tp. dining area, garage parking. Btl tree-lined st. Near UC campus & Rose Garden.  
**Kim Marienthal**.....510.486.1495

**ROCKLEDGE**  
SUN. 2-5 5236 James.....\$525,000  
2 BR 2 BA Charming Craftsman, close to BART, shopping & restaurants; fireplace, sauna, plus room opens to outdoors, great yard  
**Donald Coelho**.....510.339.4700

## OPEN SUNDAY

**MONTCLAIR**  
SUN. 2-4:30 6154 Mazuela Dr. \$1,150,000  
4 BR 3.5 BA New construction in planned community. Bay & San Francisco view, soaring ceilings, slate surfaced decks, formal dining, fireplace.  
**Nancy Dickey**.....510.339.4700

**SUN. 2-5 6629 Exeter Dr.**.....\$949,000  
4 BR 4 BA Piedmont Pines: Fabulous 4-year-old home; great separation of space w/home theatre & sunny canyon views; refined detailing throughout.  
**Ellen Lancaster & Jack Breneman**.....510.339.4700

**ROCKLEDGE**  
SUN. 2-5 6242 Rockwell St. \$799,000  
4 BR 2 BA Beyond cute! This absolutely charming home features beautiful HWF, tilework & wonderful family room off updated eat-in kitchen.  
**Terry Kulka**.....510.339.4700

**LAFAYETTE**  
SUN. 2-4:30 409 Read Dr. \$775,000  
5 BR 3 BA Burton Valley. Stunning, 2-story, recently remodeled, eat-in kitchen, separate dining, level yard, family room.  
**Fiona MacIntyre**.....510.339.4700

**SEQUOIA HILLS**  
SUN. 2-5 4108 Fairway Ave. \$699,000  
4 BR 3 BA Beautiful home on large lot; master bedroom retreat & 2nd master suite; huge walk-in closets; large family room opens to wrap-around patio.  
**Joan Alford**.....510.339.4700

**OAKLAND**  
SUN. 2-5 1418 Hampel St. \$649,500  
3 BR 2 BA Charming Craftsman w/hardwood accents & built-ins; updated kitchen & baths, newer garage, brick patio, lovely garden; close to shops & transportation.  
**Becky Anderson**.....510.339.4700

**OAKMORE**  
SUN. 2-5 3932 Oakmore Rd. \$825,000  
3 BR 2 BA Gorgeous restored Craftsman! Wood details/built-ins thruout. Remod kitchen/baths. Full bsmt w/ guest area/office, laundry, 2nd bath. Large garden space.  
**Nancy Reichert**.....510.486.1495

**CROCKER**  
SUN. 2-5 747 Calmar Ave. \$599,000  
3 BR 1 BA Lovingly cared for 1925 Traditional; FDR, breakfast room, HWF; fireplace, wooden-sash windows, inviting front garden, nice hill view, near shops.  
**Ruby Ng**.....510.339.4700

**BERKELEY**  
SUN. 2-4 1379 Delaware St. \$565,000  
2 BR 2 BA Gorgeous restored Craftsman! Wood details/built-ins thruout. Remod kitchen/baths. Full bsmt w/ guest area/office, laundry, 2nd bath. Large garden space.  
**Nancy Reichert**.....510.486.1495

## OPEN SUNDAY

**OAKLAND**  
SUN. 2-5 1738 Indian Way.....\$549,000  
3 BR 2 BA Contemporary w/newly updated kitchen & bath, master suite, media "plus" room & wrap-around deck w/valley view  
**Michael Thompson**.....510.339.4700

**LINCOLN HEIGHTS**  
SUN. 2-5 3056 Wisconsin St. \$526,000  
3 BR 1 BA Stunning English Tudor-light-filled & spacious located on coveted street; cathedral ceilings, HWF, FP, level yard, attached garage.  
**Rachel Baller**.....510.339.4700

**MONTCLAIR**  
SUN. 2-5 2101 Drake Dr. \$525,000  
3 BR 2 BA 1st time on market! Great 1960's Contemporary; single level, HWF, beamed ceiling plus private level yard perfect for indoor/outdoor entertaining.  
**Darcy Diamantine**.....510.339.4700

**CROCKER HIGHLANDS**  
SUN. 2-5 1321 Bates Rd. \$494,000  
2 BR 1 BA Clean Traditional style enhanced by seamless renovation: new kitchen, bath, lighting; private patio level-out from kitchen; garden.  
**Rachel Baller**.....510.339.4700

**GLENVIEW**  
SUN. 2-5 4122 Woodruff Ave. \$439,000  
2 BR 1 BA Updated Traditional w/freshly painted interior as well as newly refinished hardwood floors. Walk to shops, restaurants & transportation.  
**Rebecca Brooks**.....510.339.4700

**REDWOOD HEIGHTS**  
SUN. 2-4:30 4311 Carson St. \$415,000  
2 BR 1 BA Dutch doors & Knotty Pine interior, great yard, garage & tool shed.  
**Nancy Maloney**.....510.339.4700

**OAKLAND**  
SUN. 2-4:30 1 Kelton Ct. \$249,000  
1 BR 1 BA Fab cozy corner unit in Piedmont Ave. Complete designer redo! Nu kit/stainless steel/tuscan tiles, bit-ins galore, updt bath, elec tp. Balcony & vus.  
**Sarah Shankman**.....510.486.1495

## BY APPOINTMENT

**CLAREMONT HILLS**  
Claremont Hills.....\$1,195,000  
4 BR 3 full BA + 2 half Dog lover's dream home! Stunning home built in '97 w/open arches, sunken living room + downstairs. Dog kennel w/shower & easy indoor/outdoor access.  
**George Karsant**.....510.339.4700

**BERKELEY**  
Berkeley Hills Beauty.....\$599,000  
3 BR 2 BA 2 plus rms. Tahoe-like. Large level yard. Garden view from kitchen, DR & LR w/ Fr door patio access. Approx. 500 sq ft MBR suite & loft. Updated.  
**Kim Cleveland**.....510.486.1495

**Berkeley Condo Delight**.....\$415,000  
3 BR 1 BA Gracious condo, arch-overlapper renovation. Parlor floor of triplex in tree-lined Bjae Elmwood. Cook's kitchen/dining opens to deck & large backyard. Parking.  
**Sarah Shankman**.....510.486.1495

**Waiting For You**.....\$375,000  
2 BR 1 BA Charming bungalow. Refinished hardwood floors, dining room & tripic. 2 car garage has artist studio potential.  
**Ron Sid**.....510.486.1495

**MONTCLAIR**  
Montclair.....\$1,150,000  
5 BR 4 BA Gracious, spacious Mediterranean villa. Open floor plan, chef's kitchen, great outlook, SF view from decks; lots of hardwood, granite & marble.  
**Nancy Dickey**.....510.339.4700

## BY APPOINTMENT

**RIDGEMONT**  
Ridgemont.....\$1,000,050  
5 BR 3 BA Come see this lovely home with views of the hills and canyon; wonderful yards with decks for your viewing pleasure.  
**Charles Hicks**.....510.339.4700

**UPPER ROCKLEDGE**  
Upper Rockledge.....\$675,000  
3 BR 2 BA Updated & remodeled Traditional with charm, light & bright, spacious rooms, hardwood floors, downstairs family room & newer bath.  
**Michael Thompson**.....510.339.4700

**OAKLAND**  
Lincoln Heights.....\$449,000  
3 BR 2.5 BA Tahoe-like style - Open great room w/ vaulted ceilings, FP, Bay views, wooded setting, new paint & carpet, master suite - unique home.  
**Rachel Baller**.....510.339.4700

**Oakland**.....\$349,000  
3 BR 2 BA Converted duplex near Highland Hospital and 580 freeway; hardwood floors, fireplace, dining room.  
**Terry Anthony**.....510.339.4700

**PIEDMONT AVENUE**  
Piedmont Avenue.....\$245,000  
1 BR 1 BA Light filled unit w/view of Oakland Hills. New flooring, freshly painted; assigned parking, storage lockers, spacious lobby; near shops & restaurants.  
**George Karsant**.....510.339.4700

**Piedmont Avenue**.....\$199,000  
1 BR 1 BA Lovely condo on tree-lined street near Piedmont Avenue. Many recent upgrades. Do not miss!  
**Jeffrey Neidleman**.....510.339.4700

**PIEDMONT**  
Piedmont.....\$1,650,000  
5 BR 4.5 BA Elegant, sophisticated & private! Bay views from Mt. Tam to San Mateo, approx. 1/2 acre lot. Renovated in 2001. Black Bottom Pool.  
**George Karsant**.....510.339.4700

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In the Berkeley or Oakland Hills, 4BR/2BA home up to \$1,200,000.  
Please call Josh Whitmer.....510.981.3027

Claremont/Uplands area. 3BR/1BA minimum. Prefer home w/light & some level yard/garden. Up to \$1.2 million.  
Please call Maura Allen.....510.981.3034

Light-filled contemporary in Berkeley. 3BR/2BA plus garden. Up to \$1,000,000.  
Please call Nadine Oel.....510.981.3033

Preferably in Berkeley Hills & Thousand Oaks area. 4BR/2BA home up to \$700,000.  
Please call Kim & Barbara Marienthal.....510.981.3036

Elmwood/LeConte School, 3+BR/2BA, sunny yard, fixer o.k. Up to \$700,000.  
Please call Sarah Shankman.....510.981.3011

Rockridge or No. Berkeley, 2BR or more, Craftsman or classic bungalow up to \$500,000.  
Please call Bobbie Giarratana.....510.981.3031

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## OPEN HOUSE



**1138 DRURY ROAD, OAKLAND**  
Panoramic views from this smashing new contemporary craftsman. 4BD/4+BA, showcase kitchen, great outdoor spaces. Rich woods, soothing color palette.

Mary Neuberger  
531-7000x251 or 485-7251 \$1,899,000



**7272 NORFOLK ROAD, OAKLAND**  
This graceful 2+yr old home by one of the area's premier artisan builders borders the Grizzly Peak open space w/views of Claremont canyon, the North Bay & Mt. Tam. Elegant yet casual interiors using fine woodwork, stone, & designer fixtures, make this a romantic & comfortable home. 4BD including w/ mstr. 2.5BA.  
Peter & Ellen Nicolopoulos  
531-7000x248 or 339-9780 \$1,075,000



**4004 LYMAN ROAD, OAKLAND**  
Gorgeous 3+1/2 storybook Tudor located in the desirable Oakmore neighborhood. Many beautiful upgrades, original architectural details and charm are intact. Large detached workshop. Beautiful garden.

Heidi Tuggle  
531-7000x286 or 531-4554 \$624,000



**367 VERNON STREET #2, OAKLAND**  
2/1 Seldom seen. Old World Charm! Spanish Mediterranean Townhouse 2BD/1BA, wood floors, private 1-car garage with additional deeded space.

Patsy Buhler  
531-7000x238 \$319,000



**3751 HARRISON #104, OAKLAND**  
Price reduced to sell!! Clean 2BD/1BA condo in well maintained building. New kitchen appliances & countertops. New tub enclosure & sink in bathroom. Patio, security parking. Close to Piedmont Ave & S.F. transportation.  
Kevin P. Kennedy  
531-7000x204 \$245,000



**1280 GRANDVIEW, OAKLAND**  
New Mediterranean masterpiece. Extraordinary quality and style. Nearly 5,000sqft includes 4+BD, 3+BA, home office, wine cellar, entertainment suite. Golden Gate views.

Mary Neuberger  
531-7000x251 or 485-7251 \$1,799,000



**2082 ASILOMAR DRIVE, OAKLAND**  
Level in custom-build luxurious family-home. 4BD/2.5BA, family room, rumpus room, gourmet kitchen, bay views, scenic street close to village, level landscaped front yard

Nicolette Bot  
531-7000x261 \$929,000



**4355 EVERETT AVENUE, OAKLAND**  
New listing! Well-maintained legal DUPLEX in desirable upper Glenview neighborhood. Both units have 2BD/1BA. Lovely architectural details. Private fenced yard, seismically upgraded. This would work well for owner occupant or investors. Could be used as single-family residence.

Chris Christensen  
531-7000x242 \$589,000



**1710 RUSSELL STREET, BERKELEY**  
Charming. 2BD/1BA Berkeley cottage in move-in condition. Hardwood floors, fireplace, large, eat-in kitchen, sweet, level backyard. Front & back porches for relaxing.

Don Dunning  
531-7000x239 or 485-7239 \$299,000



**199 MONTECITO #209, OAKLAND**  
1/1. Enjoy the pleasant view & private deck that this unit offers. Lake Merritt is nearby for walks or jog. This 1BD/1BA unit has an open floor plan. Quiet location & all new appliances.  
Patsy Buhler  
531-7000x238 \$179,000



**192 VILLANOVA LANE, OAKLAND**  
1st Open. Fabulous new construction. Outstanding architectural details. Bay, S.E. & Hill views. Gourmet kitchen w/top line appliances. Formal living & dining room, plus FR, study & wine cellar. 3+BD each with private bathroom.

Noll Davis  
531-7000x263 \$1,195,000



**5106 FAIRHILL COURT, OAKLAND**  
Gardener's delight! 3/4 Acre of gardens, ponds, oaks, professional greenhouse. Dramatic 3BD/2BA contemporary home with loft. Sunrise to sunset views.

Joy Bryden  
531-7000x218 \$800,000



**4383 TERRABELLA, OAKLAND**  
Price Reduced! Gorgeous 9yr old split level home. Level out brick patio & garden. Escrow ready for quick close, previous buyer could not perform. Don't miss this extraordinary opportunity, located top of Redwood Rd, near Skyline/Montclair schools.

Doris Taboloff  
531-7000x265 or 925-943-1187 \$549,000



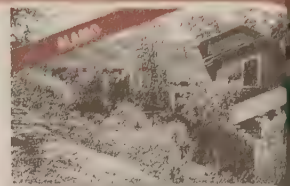
**1084 59TH STREET, OAKLAND**  
A blue brown shingle cottage. 2BD/2BA, great for shared living. Wonderful enclosed sun porch. Unique patterned hardwood floors. Large yard & detached 2-car garage. Oakland/Emeryville/Berkeley border.

Stan Hammond  
531-7000x246 \$295,000



**1 KELTON COURT #5A, OAKLAND**  
Bright, sunny corner unit! Lovely 1BD/1BA w/ upgrades. Unparalleled views! Only a short walk to Piedmont Ave shops & restaurants.

Patsy Buhler  
531-7000x238 \$299,000



**70 OAK GLEN ROAD, ALAMO**  
Alamo's finest 5+acres abode in this gorgeous hill Views-rambling Oaks, sparkling water falls & a no are only a few of the special features. 3 Frplg, an outdoor entertainment areas plus an extraordinary w

Doris Taboloff  
531-7000x265 or 925-943-1187 \$1,999,000



**4288 FRUITVALE, OAKLAND**  
Oakmore's best buy, top of Fruitvale near Lemm Home plus in-law. Stunning Bay views, level garden, outdoor entertaining. 4BD/3.5Bas, 2-kitchens.

Heidi Kearsley  
531-7000x295 \$999,000



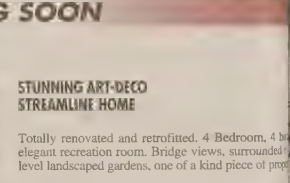
**2724 MONTICELLO, OAKLAND**  
Make this charming Maxwell Pk bungalow your Lovely bedrooms, large LR w/elegant stone fireplace, updated EIK plus sunny yard with special garden. Garage has workshop areas. Must see!

Carol Robbiano  
531-7000x292 \$999,000



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Patsy Buhler  
531-7000x238 \$299,000



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## COMING SOON



**STUNNING ART-DECO STREAMLINE HOME**

Totally renovated and retrofitted. 4 Bedroom, 4 1/2 elegant recreation room. Bridge views, surrounded level landscaped gardens, one of a kind piece of prop

Nicolette Bot  
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## BY APPOINTMENT



**JUST MOVE IN!!**  
This house has the charm of an old house with the comforts of a new one! New foundation, new kitchen & appliances. New electrical, plumbing, and heating. New garage! Walk to Piedmont Ave.  
Kevin P. Kennedy  
531-7000x204 \$625,000

**TRIPLEX PLUS VACANT LOT**  
Three 2 bedroom units, 1960's construction, 1 unit vacant, plus 4000sqft potentially buildable lot.  
Stan Hammond  
531-7000x246 \$425,000

**RARE FIND**  
Nearly level double lot w/panoramic views & design review approved plans for 5,200sqft Mediterranean Villa.  
Mary Neuberger  
531-7000x251 or 485-7251 \$1,095,000

**LUSH CANYON AND BAY VIEWS!**  
Developers, check out these three large contiguous lots. Over one and one half acres. Offers great privacy. Please call for more information.  
Carol Robbiano  
531-7000x292 \$450,000



**BEAUTIFUL DUPLEX (2-2BD UNITS)**  
Original refinished hardwood floors, updated kitchens & bathrooms, laundry in each unit, new roof, fresh paint, cleared report. Must see!  
Carol Robbiano  
531-7000x292 \$499,000

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# SPORTS

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Section C



**MINIC CATHEY, left, of Berkeley and Alameda's Casey Braun fight for the ball during their water polo match. Cathey scored two goals.**

## Alameda beats a young Berkeley squad

By Bill Kruissink  
STAFF WRITER

It should not surprise that the Alameda High School boys went into their regular-season water polo match against Berkeley, the defending Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League champion, a tad hungry.

After all, a couple of years have passed since the Hornets last beat the Jackets.

But Berkeley lost eight players to graduation, so the past two years are history.

Playing at the Emma Hood Swim Center on Oct. 8, the Hornets (10-6, 3-1 ACCAL) jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead en route to posting a 14-7 victory.

"We haven't been too lucky,

### PREP WATER POLO

Two years of difficulty," said Hornet junior Neal Hamilton, who had four goals and seven steals. "We wanted to win this."

"They were tough," returning all-leaguer Dominic Cathey said simply. Cathey had two goals in the losing cause.

Hamilton scored twice less than two minutes into the match, then Travis Miranda hit off a pass from A.D. Mitchell for a quick 3-0 lead with 3:40 to go in the first.

After Hornet Bill Richason scored with an assist by Mitchell just over a minute into the second quarter, Berkeley found itself in a hole it would not recover

from. The Jackets (4-11, 1-3) were never closer than three goals again.

One problem for Berkeley was fouls. The team repeatedly drew whistles, giving Alameda seven 6-on-5 situations. The Hornets collected on four of them.

A second-half opening goal by Hornet Casey Braun sailed into the cage three seconds after the Yellow Jackets were called for a foul. When Berkeley drew a whistle with 1:41 left in the third, Miranda scored four seconds later for 9-4.

"We're not playing that well right now," Cathey said. "We've always been a second-half team and we're just going to have to play better in the second half."

After Braun scored to make it

7-1, Berkeley seemed to gain some steam. Andy Turner scored, followed by Elliott Wong from the right wing.

When Hamilton answered with a goal off a pass from Braun, Cathey returned the favor with an assist by Turner 18 seconds later to make it 8-4.

But Alameda had that hunger-thing going and ran off three goals before the third period ended and Braun made it 12-4 seconds into the final frame.

### Post game

STATS: Cathey paced the Yellow Jackets with two goals ... Patrick Haesloup, Wong, Turner, Ian Rose and Nat Smith all had one.

### PREP FOOTBALL

## Oakland Tech pounds Albany 55-0



**OAKLAND TECH** safety Marshawn Lynch, left, breaks up a pass intended for Albany's Matt Ball in the end zone.

## Bulldogs defense sacks Cougars QB Lueders eight times

By Orlando Molina  
STAFF WRITER

**ALBANY** — Tough defense allowed Oakland Tech High School (3-1) to put the kibosh on Albany's homecoming celebration with a 55-0 pounding Friday in nonleague play.

The Bulldogs defense dominated from start to finish, limiting the Cougars (1-3) to only two trips past midfield.

With eight players in the box on a constant blitz, the Bulldogs sacked Albany quarterback Harold Lueders eight times and held the Cougars' ground game to zero net yards.

"We just didn't play very hard. We knew what (Oakland Tech) would bring and we practiced everything they did," Cougars coach Anthony Freeman said. "They just did it faster than we did."

Key injuries put Albany at a big disadvantage to start the game. The team already was missing offensive lineman Mark Samonsky with an injury to his right leg. Albany then lost offensive lineman Brandon Vernado to a shoulder injury just before halftime.

But the most notable player with an injury was wide receiver

Matt Ball, who tweaked his right knee last week against Alameda and was at less than 100 percent. Oakland Tech took advantage of Ball's injury and left him in man-to-man coverage for most of the game, enabling the Bulldogs to bring numerous safety blitzes.

Ball did not catch his first pass until late in the first half and led the team with three catches for 43 yards.

"If (Ball's) healthy, those catches are touchdowns," Lueders said.

Oakland Tech opened the scoring on its first drive of the game. The Bulldogs needed only

four plays to move the ball 55 yards, leading to quarterback Joshua Johnson's 8-yard touchdown run on a bootleg around the left side and a 6-0 advantage.

The Bulldogs scored 21 more points before halftime, six coming on Clifton Harrison's 19-yard return of a Lueders' pitch to an empty backfield to make it 27-0 with 4:04 left in the first half.

The Cougars' best chance to score came on their following possession, set up by Ball.

Facing a fourth-and-six play at the Albany 36, Lueders hit Ball on a short out near the left sideline. But Ball cut back to the in-

side for a 20-yard gain. It was his first catch and the Cougars' first trip into Bulldogs territory.

Six plays later, the drive stalled at the 17. With 4.3 seconds left, Lueders lofted a pass for Zeine Gamal in the end zone, but the pass fell incomplete, ending the half.

"If we had scored on that drive, it would have given us some hope," Freeman said.

The Bulldogs' Marshawn Lynch led all rushers with 130 yards, including a late 75-yard touchdown run.

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## El Cerrito comes back from deficit, defeats Richmond

By Kibby Kleiman  
TIMES STAFF WRITER

**El Cerrito High School's** football team used a backup quarterback and a powerful second-half running attack to defeat Richmond 43-16 in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League opener for both teams Friday night at Richmond.

The visiting Gauchos (2-2, 1-0 ACCAL) were led by junior tailback Ryan Shaifer, who scored

three touchdowns and topped all rushers with 138 yards.

El Cerrito blew open a 20-16 halftime lead with 23 unanswered second-half points.

El Cerrito was unable to add any passing yards to its 243 total yards, but junior quarterback Robert Wright earned praise from his coach George Austin.

"That young man put out a great effort on both sides of the ball tonight. He did everything

he was asked to do."

Austin announced that starting quarterback Randy Gatewood, "had elected to no longer play for the Gauchos."

Richmond (0-4, 0-1) got off to a fast start, grabbing an 8-6 first-quarter lead, when Oilers quarterback Francisco Rugama scrambled out of trouble and hit receiver Robert Jackson for a 25-yard touchdown pass.

The Oilers led 16-12 late in the

second quarter, and had the ball when a muffed punt cost Richmond a safety. After a free kick gave El Cerrito the ball back in Richmond territory, the Gauchos drove the field late in the first half, giving the ball to Shaifer for a 9-yard touchdown run, and a 20-16 halftime lead El Cerrito would never relinquish.

Richmond was led by John Gougi, who carried 25 times for 113 yards.

**Berkeley 33, De Anza 6:** The host Yellow Jackets' offense showed it can score from anywhere on the field, and the defense forced six Dons (1-3, 0-1 ACCAL) turnovers in an impressive performance.

Berkeley (4-0, 1-0 ACCAL) scored on all four of its offensive possessions in the first half. The Yellow Jackets marched slowly

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## erreira honored nationally

By Scott Strain  
STAFF WRITER

**FORMER HOLY NAMES** High School pitcher Laura Ferreira, who led Monarchs to the championship game of the North Section A softball play-

### AL NOTEBOOK

erreira, a freshman at State, also led the San Sorcerers to the under-16A Nationals championship last summer. In her senior year at Holy Names, Ferreira won 15 games with strikeouts in 140 innings and eight no-hitters. Her ERA was 0.25.

Against Piedmont, one of the better teams in the Bay Area Athletic League, she was phenomenal. In her four-year career, she pitched against the Mariners 10 times and won 10 shutouts.

"I love her, I really love her," said coach Lenny Parker Tuesday, "but I'm glad she's out of the league. Now, I'll have a chance."

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## Berkeley feeling a bit stung

By Orlando Molina  
STAFF WRITER

**THE ALAMEDA HIGH SCHOOL** boys water polo team pulled off its biggest win of the season on Tuesday, as the Hornets defeated the defending Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League champion Berkeley without a top scorer.

### AL NOTEBOOK

According to Hornets coach Art Rood, Scott McDaniels' performance was a key factor in the win. McDaniels turned out to be a game-changer in disguise for the Hornets as the rest of the team rallied around his big play to double up the Yellow Jackets 14-7.

McDaniels is responsible for 40 percent of our scoring," Rood said. "This is the best performance I've ever seen from that happened to us. We were in a balanced attack we've been looking for."

Five of the six starters scored at least one goal for the Hornets. Neal Hamilton and Travis Miranda each scored two goals, and Casey Braun scored three.

The Hornets jumped out to a 3-0 lead at the half and scored Berkeley 8-6 in the second half to hold on for the win.

This is a big boost for us," Rood said.

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# Arts

## 'Dames' delivers classic escapism

**Topic's great profile of The Great One**

FOR YEARS, I'VE WONDERED what the big deal about Lucille Ball is. The Wal-Mart crowd (the elitism) may reverse. I've always found this overrated comedy icon most unwatchable. Then, I'm apparently one of few people in America who think Robin Williams is a "comic genius" or talented in my boyhood I didn't like "I Love Lucy" because of Ball's low comedy and, limited, and highly (and an occasionally) the genuine article: a new CBS biopic airing Sunday night at 9 on KPX-TV, is a fitting (and an occasionally) profile of THE most performed in the early of television, and maybe

Jack Gleason was The One then, and he still is. television innovator, only great Ernie Kovacs even close. As a versatile performer, Gleason was in a class himself. He's one of my few heroes.

was skeptical that a made-TV movie could do justice to Gleason, as a big fan of the comic, director, writer, composer, I expected the best. But "Everyone Loves Raymond" co-star Brad Garrett, by far the most talented on that sitcom, is Sunday as the blustering

he's obviously a Gleason (like Johnny Carson and so others), and the brooding, a talented physical actor, does most of Gleason's mark with remarkable style and exactitude. Few men ever moved with as much grace as Gleason, and he captures and also re-creates such trademark Gleason bits as his "Away we go" and "How sweet it is," and "A travelin' music, Ray."

The first time we see Garrett, he's a thinner but ever-smoking and ever-drinking Gleason (who died in 1961). I thought: "He doesn't look like Gleason." But Garrett wonderfully nuanced performance allows him to inhabit Gleason's character to such a degree that by the end of this

erate film, you almost think you're watching the real Gleason. Well-applied padding and padding doesn't hurt, either. You can only fit so much into a two-hour film, so the movie had to leave out Gleason's talented composer who wrote his own memorable theme songs and had several best-selling albums with orchestras. Also missing: Gleason the gifted serious actor who received acclaim for movie performances ranging from the Italian film "Gigot" to "Reunion for a Heavyweight" to his most famous role, Minnie Pats in the Oscar-nominated "The Hustler."

That Sunday's film does not only child Gleason's boyhood — his father a drunk who occasionally took to vaudeville shows and his insecurities, the late-seeming prerequisite for his comedy.

Garrett also captures Gleason's charm and his over-the-top self-assuredness. It was the force of the Gleason personality that kept the Brooklyn comedy career going through early setbacks. And this script doesn't gloss over Gleason's drinking — or that he was an absentee father, a womanizer who dumped his wife and young children in June Taylor dancer whom he married.

In fact, this film's candor about Gleason's weaknesses is one of its greatest strengths, showing glimpses of the real, unvarnished Gleason behind all the humor and raw talent. It helps him the reservoir of emotional Gleason (a big Chaplin) could draw from to create

**"DAMES AT SEA"** opens Friday, Oct. 18, at Pinole Community Playhouse, at 601 Tennent Ave. in Pinole, for a week-end run through Nov. 9. And if you want to shed the cares of a too-hectic "now" for a couple of hours of vintage "then," consider this musical spoof of a form of entertainment when life was, in retrospect, sweet, predictable, and wonderfully corny.

"Dames" is an affectionate send-up of the Depression-era Dick Powell-Ruby Keeler-Busby Berkeley movie musicals — particularly, "42nd Street," the definitive 1933 flick of the backstage genre.

And to make sure you "get" it, the hero is named Dick, a nice-guy songwriting sailor from Utah, and the heroine is Ruby, a just-off-the-bus small-town Utah tap dancer. They meet in New York, both hoping to make it big in the theater. They fall in love. Ruby gets a part in a Broadway musical with a nautical theme. Then disaster strikes. On opening night, the star becomes ill. Will the show go on? Bet the farm, folks.

Ruby steps into the star spot and vows 'em with a hit song by Dick, who is permanently unhooked from the goo-gooeying star. Dick and Ruby together — again! Golly, Ned! But the overall effect is less poking fun than a celebration of an old-time, feel-good entertain-



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Community Theater

ment. And, as they say, thanks — we needed that.

The Pinole Players cast features Jane Barnes, Daniel Morgan, Michael O'Brien, Krista Swager, Simon Trumble and Kerry Winger.

Justin Cole is director/choreographer, with Anjee Norgaard as assistant to the director; Patti Clark as producer, and Jane Barnes doubled-billed as costume designer.

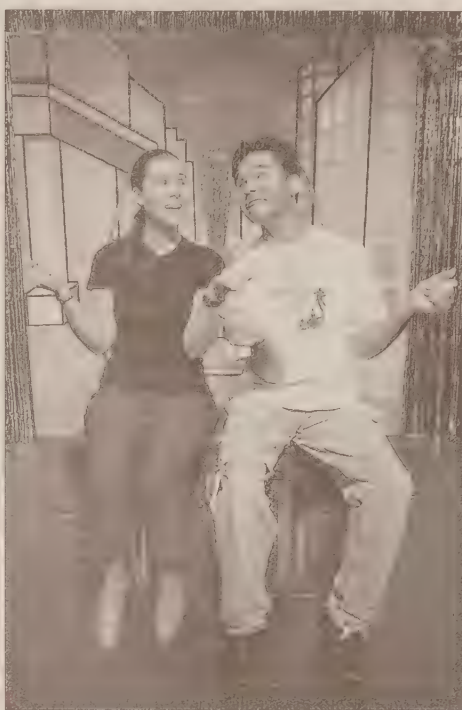
"Dames at Sea" plays at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; and 2 p.m. Sundays, Oct. 27 and Nov. 3, from Oct. 18 through Nov. 9.

Tickets are \$15 general, \$12 for seniors and students with ID. Cabaret seating. All seats reserved with pre-payment. Call 510-724-3669.

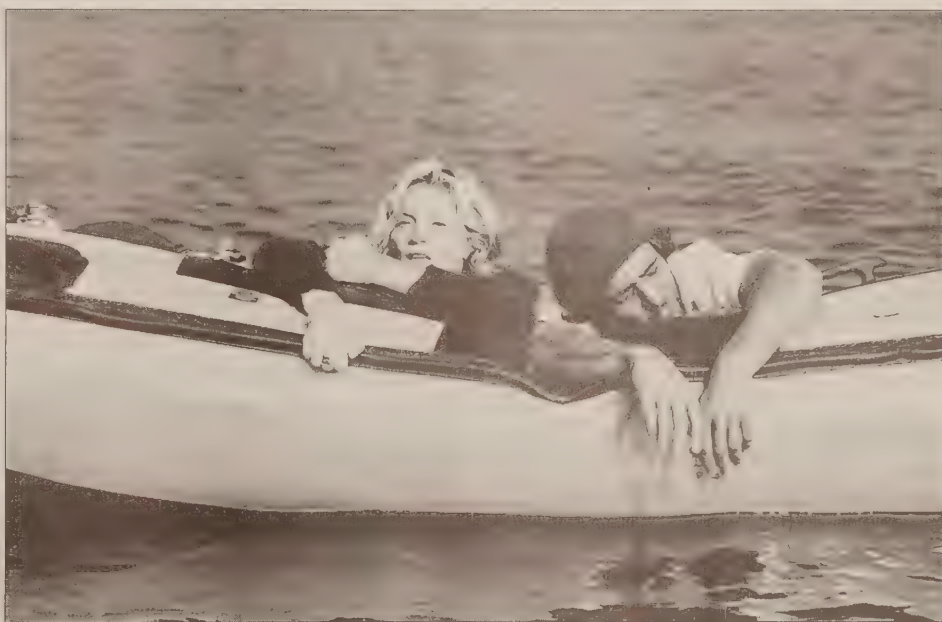
**LOOKING FOR 'GOOD MEN':** Hold it. Don't leave yet. Pinole Community Players will hold auditions for the winter production, "A Few Good Men," directed by Janet O'Brien, at 7 p.m. on Oct. 21 and 22 at the playhouse, 601 Tennent Ave., Pinole.

Cast will consist of 18 men

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"Dames at Sea," at the Pinole Community Playhouse in Pinole, features Dan Morgan (right), playing Lucky, and Krista Swager playing Joan.



THE SHIP isn't the only thing wrecked in "Swept Away," a Guy Ritchie film starring wife Madonna and Adriano Giannini.

## Madonna flick should be swept under rug

By Mary F. Pols

STAFF WRITER

How long has it been since you've had a really good look at Madonna's back muscles? Unless you snuck out to see the abominable "The Next Best Thing," in which she played the Linda Hamilton of yoga instructors, a woman so buff her students must have wanted to flop into corpse pose and never stir their flabby limbs again, it's probably been awhile.

But be of good cheer: Madonna's back muscles are once again on fine display in "Swept Away," a muted and romanticized remake of Lina Wertmüller's 1974 movie "Swept Away ... by an Unusual Destiny in the Blue Sea of August." The movie has been rewritten and directed by Madonna's husband, director Guy Ritchie, a man whose apparent reverence for his wife's physical attributes has so drained him, he has little relevance left over for the political intents of the original. Nor, apparently, much spare time to help her with her acting.

She plays Amber, the viper-tongued wife of a rich American businessman (Bruce Greenwood), a decent guy who has hired a large vessel to take her and four of their dull friends on a cruise from Greece to Italy.

Amber finds fault with everything under the Mediterranean sun (which, incidentally, seems to have been turned up to bleach

### REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "Swept Away"

■ **STARRING:** Madonna, Adriano Giannini, Jeanne Tripplehorn, Bruce Greenwood

■ **RATING:** R (language and some sexuality/nudity)

■ **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 22 minutes

any signs of age from Madonna's face). The coffee is stale, the sea too cold, the fish not fresh enough. The first mate, Giuseppe (Adriano Giannini, whose father Giancarlo played this role in the original), starts to actively fantasize about throwing her overboard. His nickname is Pepe. She calls him Peepee. We sympathize. Circumstances conspire to land this pair on a deserted island. There, Giuseppe seizes the opportunity to turn the tables on Amber. He can keep them alive and well-fed, but in turn, she has to call him master, do his laundry and take it when he feels like slapping her around.

Wertmüller's film revolved around the sailor's desire to make the rich woman submit to him as he'd had to submit to her on the boat. He was physically and verbally abusive to her, and the elder Giannini played his sailor with an edge of derangement and far less sympathy and warmth than his handsome son does. It was uncomfortable to

watch, but since the movie hid under the pretense that this was all one long argument between communism and capitalism, during which violence was to be expected, the man vs. woman issue was somewhat sidelined. But Ritchie's version has to keep the political discourses to a minimum for fear of boring the masses it is intended for. The violence then becomes more obviously about man vs. woman.

At this point, you feel a little sorry for Ritchie. He agrees to make this movie, probably because his wife thought she'd look as groovy in a black bikini as Mariangela Melato, the original rich shrew. Then he discovers he has stepped in the massive gum stain of our politically correct times, with no way out except to play down the violence of the original and follow the gushy road instead. He's damned if he does (the preview audience gasped like maiden aunts every time Pepe hit Amber) and damned if he doesn't (the same audience collapsed into helpless giggles at the sight of Madonna shedding tears in slow motion).

The original — no masterpiece but engrossing — had the trappings of a love story, but was hardly romantic. She was a jerk, he was a jerk, together they were two jerks. That film ended with the woman returning to her life of wealth, deliberately forsaking the man she'd been so happily enslaved to on the island. We

weren't surprised by that; we knew it was the situation that steered their relationship, not true love. This new version of "Swept Away" ends on a different, softer note, which we won't give away here. Suffice it to say, it's cheap, overwrought, unbelievable and good only for a few titters.

As for Madonna, her acting career continues to be hampered by her flat delivery, strangely small for a woman who makes her living singing. She still seems more interested in posing than in emoting (during the endless montage sequences, the movie looks more like a Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue shoot). Her vanity serves as assistant director, presumably propelling an embarrassing fantasy sequence in which she dances for Giuseppe in a yellow Versace, while lip-synching to Della Reese.

And in a sign that Madonna is always Madonna, no matter who she is playing, I'll confess that I had no idea of what her character's name was until the end credits rolled. This is not to rule out the possibility that Madonna can be convincing as a shrew, just to say that she is not convincing as this particular shrew.

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### EVENTS

#### STAGE

**AURORA THEATRE** — "The Shape of Things" by Neil LaBute, closing Oct. 20. A Pygmalion-like play bringing into question how far one should go for love.

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**BERKELEY REPERTORY THEATRE** — The Roda Theatre — "The House of Blue Leaves," closing Oct. 20. John Guare's award-winning dark comedy is a tale of how far people will go to find fame.

\$10 to \$54 general; \$16 under age 30. Oct. 11, Oct. 18, Oct. 19, 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Oct. 12, Oct. 17, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. 2015 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-647-2949, 888-4BRTx or [www.berkeleyrep.org](http://www.berkeleyrep.org)

**CONTRA COSTA CIVIC THEATRE** — "The Rainmaker" by N. Richard Nash, Oct. 18 through Nov. 23. A traveling rainmaker brings rain and love to a parched town.

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**IMPACT THEATRE** — "Working for the Mouse" by Trevor Allen, Oct. 18 through Nov. 16. A comedy about one man's adventures as a Disney character.

\$12 general; \$7 students and seniors. The Eighth Street Studio, 2525 Eighth St., Berkeley. 510-464-4688 or [www.impacttheatre.com](http://www.impacttheatre.com)

**SHOTGUN PLAYERS** — "We Won't Pay! We Won't Pay!" by Dario Fo, closing Oct. 19. A comical farce about a group of women who refuse to pay for groceries, this story addresses issues of the working poor, desperation, crooked cops, hunger and pregnancy.

\$12 to \$18 general; \$10 for all on Thursday. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 7:00 p.m. Eighth Street Studio, 2525 Eighth St., Berkeley. (510)704-8210 or [www.shotgunplayers.org](http://www.shotgunplayers.org)

**STAGEMASTERS** — "Moon Over Buffalo" by Ken Ludwig, Oct. 11 through Oct. 26. A Broadway comedy dinner theater extravaganza.

\$35. Dinner, 7 p.m.; show, 8 p.m. Alameda Elks Lodge, 2255 Santa Clara Ave., Alameda. 510-522-1015 ext. 13.

**TRANSPARENT THEATER** — "Deep Space" by Alex Johnston, closing Oct. 20. Two Irish men have wildly different ideas about how to act toward women in general but share a growing obsession over the same one.

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**ZELLERBACH PLAYHOUSE** — "Escape From Happiness" by George F. Walker, closing Oct. 20. The Dawson family struggles to deal with the chaos of the outside world, while trying to resolve the dysfunction internally.

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Mamar Kassey, Oct. 16, 9 p.m. \$12.

Fat-Bottom Revue, Oct. 17, 9 p.m. \$10 to \$15.

The Johnny Nocturne Band with Miss

Dave, Oct. 18, 9:30 p.m. \$11.

Tom Rigney and Flambeau, Oct. 19, 9:30 p.m. \$11.

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George Benson and Jenna Mamma,

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# theater

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...woman; all ages wel-  
to audition. Read from the  
prepare a two-minute  
logue. Performances are  
ends from Jan. 17 to Feb.  
for details or directions to  
theater, call 510-223-3598, or  
www.geocities.com/pinole-

**THE RAINMAKER\***  
**NETH** By coincidence, an-  
play also set in 1933 —  
"Rainmaker" — begins  
Friday at Contra Costa  
Theatre, 951 Pomona  
El Cerrito. Like "Dames,"  
elements of love and  
ing for a miracle. Unlike  
big-city atmosphere of  
musical, however, this ro-  
fable by N. Richard  
unfolds on a Western  
in a time of paralyzing  
ent.

# reviews

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...movie, but this is closer to  
her comedy, set within the battle  
lines. The soldiers on these  
lines are a group of young mar-  
ines and almost mannequins, doing  
hand combat over issues of  
ment, fidelity and responsibility.  
called 29-year-old hero. Ste-  
dored with his pregnant girl-  
he starts a flirtation with a  
but rapid high school student.  
Director Gabriele Muccino's take  
relationships is acute and refresh-  
ing, but so soothing it may  
most of the audience feel like  
off dating altogether. — M.  
language, sexuality and some  
s) 1 hour, 57 minutes. **B**

**"IT'S AMAZING":** Writer/director  
Holczer's slender follow-up  
"Talking and Talking" is biting, bitter  
with zingy dialogue and  
oments. The plot isn't much,  
travels of a family of modern-  
men trying to make their way in  
conspicuous Los Angeles. Cather-  
er shines as the despicably  
ed Michelle, while her co-  
ny Mortimer and Brenda  
playing her actress sister and  
er mom respectively, do a fine  
all. Unfortunately, the most in-  
gible subplot, involving the family's  
ed 8-year-old African-American  
er the astoundingly natural  
Goodwin, gets short shrift in fa-  
shock-sue territory already thor-  
owed by Bridget Jones. —  
(R: language, nudity.) 1 hour,  
s) 1 hour, 57 minutes. **B**

**"SOON WEDDING":** An accom-  
and entrancing blend of com-  
drama from director Mira  
Assadpour Masala). Over four  
stuttered Punjabi patriarch  
has for an arranged marriage  
his only daughter and an  
er from Houston. Unfortunately  
she is still in love with her mar-  
ner, and her spinster cousin is  
to drop a bombshell on the  
As thoroughly satisfying, sub-  
erly and balanced between  
and joyous as the best wed-  
actually are. — M. Pols. (R: lan-  
including some sex-related di-  
s) 1 hour, 54 minutes. **A-**

**"NIGHT MILE":** A young  
is murdered and her fi-  
(Jas Gawronski) moves in  
er parents (Dustin Hoffman  
an Sarandon), hoping to  
them by playing the role he  
thought would be his, their  
new. Director Brad Silberling  
a thoughtful, personal take  
grief process (his girlfriend  
died in 1989). The film  
comes with wry humor and care-  
ful observations, but ulti-  
mately and ironically, struggles with  
the kind of poor timing as do  
of those folks who bring  
tearfuls to the bereaved when  
others are already filled with  
well-meaning people's dishes.  
The romance arrives when we're  
ready for it, no matter how  
ing the form it takes (a new-  
named Ellen Pompeo). — M.  
(PG-13 for some sensuality  
and strong language.) 1  
2 minutes. **B-**

**"JULY MARTHA":** Martina  
is a Hamburg restaurant. Her  
perfectionism (she loudly be-  
customers who complain) spurs

H.C. Curry and his family —  
a daughter and two sons —  
have two main worries. The  
brothers fret that their sister is  
in danger of becoming an old  
maid. They all worry that with-  
out relief from the drying heat,  
they face disaster, death of their  
cattle, and loss of the ranch.

Into this situation suddenly  
comes a picaresque character,  
smooth of tongue and slick as a  
whistle, with grandiose  
promises: He ... can ... make ...  
it ... rain!

He wants \$100. Crazy idea?  
Sure. But the rainmaker is so  
ingratiating and conditions are  
so desperate, H. C. and the boys  
go for it. Soon they are beating  
on big, bass drums to loosen  
the skies. Meanwhile the  
stranger turns his magic on the  
girl and persuades her that  
she's not plain, as she believes,  
but has a very real beauty of her  
own.

Does the magic work in this  
comic family tale about dreams,

faith and love? To repeat: Bet  
the farm, folks.

Directed by Michael Ray  
Wisely, "The Rainmaker" fea-  
tures Sal Russo, Robert Har-  
ding, Alex Stanton, Claire Nail,  
Mark Lariviere, Louis Flynn,  
and Mark Manske.

Beginning Oct. 18, the show  
plays at 8 p.m. Fridays and Sat-  
urdays through Nov. 23, with 2  
p.m. Sunday matinees on Oct.  
27 and Nov. 3.

Tickets are \$15 general, \$10  
for youths 16 and under. The  
producers request no children  
under five years. Call 510-524-  
9132, or for group sales, 510-  
524-6654.

**WELL DONE, ARTS LEAD-  
ERS:** Louis Flynn of El Cerrito,  
artistic director and co-founder  
with his late wife, Bettianne,  
of Contra Costa Civic Theatre, is  
one of three individuals to be  
honored Oct. 20 by the Arts and  
Culture Commission of Contra  
Costa for their contributions to  
the arts.

Others to be recognized are  
Rosamond Davis of Walnut  
Creek, founder nearly 30 years  
ago of the Contra Costa Per-  
forming Arts Society, and Jim  
Ocean of Martinez, concert pro-  
moter and musician.

Two cultural organizations  
will also be honored: The  
O'Neill Foundation, based in  
Tao House in Danville, and Wee  
Poets of Berkeley, for 18 years  
the producer of an award-win-  
ning literacy program on cable  
television in El Cerrito.

The awards ceremony, fol-  
lowed by a reception, will begin  
2 p. m. at the Shadelands Art  
Center, 111 North Wiget Lane at  
Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut  
Creek. Call 925-646-2078 for  
reservations.

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firm, mocked by the men in her office  
because she wears hearing aids. She  
hires feral ex-con Paul (Vincent Cas-  
selle) as a temp and ends up putting  
his thieving skills to use in order to  
further her career. In turn, he de-  
mands her help with a heist. They  
hate each other (sort of), but they  
need each other. As they plot and  
plan, writer/director Jacques Audiard  
builds the sexual tension between  
them to nearly unbearable levels. De-  
vos is brilliant, Casselle oddly appeal-  
ing, and the plot sucks you in. One of  
the sexiest and most satisfying  
movies of the year, and a vivid re-  
minder of the true nature of chemistry  
between lovers and the rarity with  
which we see it on the screen. — M.  
Pols. (NR: includes some violence,  
sensuality and brief nudity.) 1 hour,  
55 minutes. **A-**

**"ROAD TO PERDITION":** A beautiful  
movie of near-constant sorrow. Tom  
Hanks plays Michael Sullivan, a  
1930s-era Irish gangster, a man  
weighed down by his hit-man respon-  
sibilities but buoyed by his loyalty to  
the mob boss, John Rooney (Paul  
Newman), who raised him like a son.  
Trouble arises when Sullivan's 12-  
year-old son (Tyler Hoechlin) wit-  
nesses a killing and Rooney's already  
wounded blood son (Daniel Craig) at-  
tempts to silence the boy. Father and  
son set out on a dangerous road trip,  
with Jude Law playing a hired killer  
on their trail. The movie is unrelent-  
ingly sad, affecting and exquisitely  
shot by cinematographer Conrad  
Hall. Ample proof that director Sam  
Mendes, whose first effort, "American  
Beauty," won the Oscar, is no flash in  
the pan. — M. Pols. (R: violence, lan-  
guage.) 1 hour, 59 minutes. **A**

**"SATIN ROUGE":** The story follows  
a beautiful widowed seamstress  
from a proper family who rediscov-  
ers her sexuality through belly  
dancing. But because "Satin  
Rouge" is set in an Arab country,  
the social hurdles that the heroine,  
Lilia (Hiam Abbass), must overcome  
are formidable. Lilia, who lives in  
the same house with her strait-laced  
in-laws and rebellious teenage  
daughter, Salma (Hend El Fahem),  
feels compelled to keep her  
evening activities a secret and  
maintain the facade of a grieving  
widow who has left her erotic life  
behind. As Lilia metamorphoses  
from a shy housebound widow into  
a woman calmly rejoicing in her  
body and her sexuality, Abbass  
marks her character's every blush  
and hesitation in the process of let-  
ting go with a winning delicacy and  
sweetness. — S. Holden. (NR) 1  
hour, 31 minutes. **B**

**"SECRETARY":** Romance blooms  
between a secretary (Maggie Gyl-  
lenhaal) who craves physical pain  
and a boss (James Spader) who  
enjoys inflicting it. Ninety percent of  
you just said "I'm out." But wait: Di-  
rector Steven Shainberg's weird lit-  
tle film, an adaptation of a Mary  
Gaitskill story, while not for more  
delicate audiences, has much to of-  
fer. For one thing, the remarkable  
performance of Gyllenhaal. And  
then there's the movie's nonjudg-  
mental eroticism, likely to extend a  
leather-clad glove to tap any num-  
ber of sexual nerds on the shoulder  
and send unexpected and embar-  
rassing arousal down their uplight  
spines. — M. Pols. (R) 1  
hour, 44 minutes. **B+**

**"SERVING SARA":** Matthew Perry,  
who plays Charles Bing on "Friends,"

except personal relationships.

Thanks to the talented Gar-  
rett's Emmy-caliber perfor-  
mance here and a first-rate  
script, the surprisingly down-  
beat "Gleason" is one of the  
better, most honest biopics to  
appear on TV in several years.  
Don't miss this one. As Gleason  
always said jauntily at the top  
of his show, "And away we go."  
**LOCAL "SOPRANOS" AN-  
GLE:** Actress Lola Glaudini,  
who plays foxy-looking FBI un-  
dercover agent Danielle on  
HBO's acclaimed "The Sopra-  
nos," is the daughter of  
Sonoma County resident Debra  
Rosen.

When I spoke with Rosen  
the other day, she told me her  
daughter was previously best  
known for her role two years  
ago on ABC's "NYPD Blue," on  
which she played a precinct re-  
ceptionist who fell into a life of  
drugs and prostitution.

for a device that can shut down all  
electricity on Earth. — C. Lemire  
(PG: action sequences and brief rude  
humor.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. **C-**

**"STEALING HARVARD":** Tom Green  
stars in this banal comedy about a  
nice guy who turns to crime to try to  
earn the money to send a poor niece  
(Tammy Blanchard) to Harvard. Green  
hams it up in a frantic effort to elec-  
troshock this fate to life. He never  
succeeds. "Stealing Harvard" isn't  
grand theft; it's not even petty pilfer-  
ing. All it steals is the viewer's time. —  
R. Moore. (PG-13: crude and sexual  
humor, language, drug references.) 1  
hour, 23 minutes. **D**

**"D'SWEET HOME  
ALABAMA":** Reese Witherspoon is  
forcibly jammed into the romantic  
comedy genre ruled by Julia  
Roberts. An Alabama native who ran  
away from her redneck husband  
(Josh Lucas) seven years ago and  
started afresh in Manhattan is forced  
to return home to get a divorce after  
the son (Patrick Dempsey) of New  
York's mayor asks for her hand in  
marriage. She discovers the values  
of her roots, while we enjoy big  
helpings of Southern-fried humor  
and hospitality. It's a mishmash  
of most of Roberts' movies. Not awful,  
but painful, in that Witherspoon, who  
dazzled in "Election" and "Freeway,"  
deserves much better. — M. Pols  
(PG-13: some language/sexual refer-  
ences) 1 hour, 32 minutes. **C+**

**"SWIMFAN":** Michael Douglas' com-  
pany was partially responsible for  
producing "Swimfan." Could the  
whole plan here have been to pro-  
duce something so bad that it makes  
"Fatal Attraction" look like a classic?  
Madison Bell (Erika Christensen) is  
the high-strung new girl in school  
who lures star swimmer Ben Cronin  
(Jesse Bradford) into a one-night  
stand. Later she boils over with need,  
then rage. Madison, it turns out, is ca-  
pable of extreme actions involving  
controlled substances, baseball bats,  
SUVs and scalpels. The script is filled  
with unintended verbal hilarity. — B.  
Strauss. (PG-13: violence, sex and  
language.) 1 hour, 24 minutes. **C**

**"TADPOLE":** A slight and sprightly  
new face about a pompous, Voltaire-  
obsessed 15-year-old prep school stu-  
dent (Aaron Stanford) who believes  
himself to be in love with his step-  
mother, Eve (Sigourney Weaver). Dur-  
ing the weekend in which he plans to  
steal her away from his father (a very  
funny John Ritter), he accidentally falls  
in bed with her best friend (Bebe  
Neuwirth). The movie, shot on digital  
video, looks like your Uncle Bob made  
it, but it's got some delightful comic  
moments and Stanford is a real find.  
— M. Pols. (PG-13: sexual content,  
mature thematic elements and lan-  
guage.) 1 hour, 17 minutes. **B**

**"TRAPPED":** The title turns out to be  
a pretty fair description of how you  
feel while watching this ultramanipula-

tion thriller. Set in a contrived 24-hour  
time frame, the story concerns Will  
(Stuart Townsend), an anesthesiolo-  
gist, and Karen (Charlize Theron), his  
textile-designer wife. Early in the film  
her 6-year-old daughter, Abby  
(Dakota Fanning), is abducted by Joe  
(Kevin Bacon) and Cheryl Hickey  
(Courtney Love) and held for a cool  
\$250,000 ransom. Director Luis Man-  
docho offers some edgy camerawork  
and deft pacing, but unfortunately  
that's not enough to compensate for  
the plot holes and improbabilities. Af-  
ter a while, you simply give up on it.  
— J. Boyar. (R: violence, language,  
sexual content.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. **D**

**"THE TUXEDO":** Jackie Chan stars in  
this loud, chaotic and enjoyable blast  
of a martial arts comedy. As a cabbie  
who dons a tuxedo that gives him  
awesome physical skills and gadgets,  
Chan is a pure delight, hamming it up  
constantly. Jennifer Love Hewitt shows  
good comic timing as a rookie agent  
This delivers exactly what you expect  
from a Jackie Chan movie. — P.  
Wuntch. (PG-13: language, violence,  
sexuality.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. **B**

**"24 HOUR PARTY PEOPLE":** This  
film serves as an ode to the postpunk  
label Factory Records while tracking  
its rise and fall. This is pop England at  
its headiest and most volatile period  
(1976 through the early '90s) seen  
the Beatles era, seen through the au-  
dacious, admittedly single-minded point  
of view of Tony Wilson, played with a  
stinging, uncouth vitality by Steve  
Coogan, a man both inebriated by his  
love of the time and determined to  
plunder it. Director Michael Winter-  
bottom sprouts through the obstacle  
course of postpunk with such notable  
athleticism you can forgive him for  
knocking over a couple of hurdles.  
Whatever its factual flaws, the movie is  
spiritually accurate. — E. Mitchell. (R:  
strong language, drug use, sexuality  
and angry fits of vandalism and vio-  
lence that reflect the era's film de-  
picts.) 1 hour, 55 minutes. **A-**


**"XXX":** Xander Cage (Vin Diesel),  
aka XXX, is supposed to be the anti-  
Bond, the hip, multicultural, tattooed dude  
OK, we'll buy that. But why not up-  
date the genre a bit while we're at  
it? Diesel is an appealing star, and  
some of the action stunts are cool,  
but director Rob Cohen ("The Fast  
and the Furious") has slapped to-  
gether a product rife with cliches,  
lapses in logic and ookie-cutter hiss-  
ing villains (Russian dissidents). Ro-  
mantic lead Asia Argento is straight  
out of a B-movie, the quips penned  
for Diesel are not nearly as funny as  
they ought to be, and essentially,  
this is the same old/same old, just  
dressed up with body art. — M.  
Pols. (PG-13: violence, nonstop ac-  
tion sequences, sensuality, drug  
content and language.) 1 hour, 55  
minutes. **C**

# Events

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Oct. 13, 4 p.m. \$28 2980 Peralta Oaks  
Court Oakland 510-615-5555  
**FELLOWSHIP CAFE** — Nancy Schim-  
mel, Oct. 18, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
\$5 to \$10 1924 Cedar St., Berkeley  
510-540-0898  
**FREIGHT AND SALVAGE** — Steve For-  
bert, Oct. 11, \$15.50 to \$16.50  
Ginny Reilly, David Maloney, Oct. 12  
\$18.50 to \$19.50  
Bill Staines, Oct. 13, \$16.50 to \$17.50  
Rachel Efron, Kin-fusion, Peter Romu-  
lus, Oct. 16, \$12.50 to \$13.50  
Strauss-Warschauer Duo, Oct. 17  
\$15.50 to \$16.50  
Garnet Rogers, Oct. 18, \$15.50 to  
\$16.50  
Peter Case, Oct. 19, \$15.50 to \$16.50  
Judy Fjell, Betsy Rose, Oct. 20, \$15.50  
to \$16.50  
Music starts at 8 p.m. 1111 Addison St.,  
Berkeley 510-548-1761 or 510-762-  
BASS or www.freightandsalvage.org  
**GREEK THEATRE** — Bob Dylan and  
His Band, Oct. 11 and Oct. 12, 8 p.m.  
\$37.50

Jack Johnson, G. Love and Special  
Sauce, Oct. 18 8 p.m.  
Jack Johnson, G. Love and Special  
Sauce, Alana Davis, Oct. 20, 3 p.m.  
Hearst Avenue and Gayley Road,  
Berkeley 510-444-TIXS, 415-421-  
TIXS, stv.com or ticketmaster.com  
**LAKE MERRITT UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH** — Kika, Oct. 13, 8 p.m.  
\$15 to \$20 1330 Lakeshore Ave., Oak-  
land 510-444-0323 or www.kika.org  
**LA PEÑA CULTURAL CENTER** — John  
Santos and the Machete Ensemble  
Oct. 11, 8 p.m. \$12 to \$14  
Alexander Linnvall, Venezuelan Music  
Project, Jacqueline Rago and The  
Snake Trio, Oct. 12, 8:30 p.m. \$12  
La Pena Community Chorus Mexico  
Report-Back Concert, Oct. 13, 7:30  
p.m. \$12 to \$15  
Steve Harris, Oct. 17, 8 p.m. \$10  
Celebrating the Memory of Che, Oct.  
18, 8 p.m. \$15  
3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-849-  
2568 or www.lapena.org  
**924 GILMAN STREET** — Exit Wound  
Lana Dagales Elephant Man Dead  
Fall, Oct. 11 Ludicra Watch Them-  
the Teen Chulini Carol Ann All Shal  
Pensh, Oct. 12. For all ages Shows  
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ley 510-525-9926



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# Calendar

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.

## Children

■ **The East Bay School for Girls** will move to St. John's Presbyterian Church and Center at 2727 College Ave., in Berkeley. This new location is at the corner of Forest, two blocks north of Ashby, and will provide expanded classroom and outdoor play space for the growing number of EBSG students. The move will take place over the summer vacation. School opens in late August for the 2002-2003 academic year on the new campus. Details: 482-4444.

■ **Teen Support Group** meets twice a month Tuesday evenings at the Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave. The free group is for teens who have a parent or caregiver with cancer. The meeting is co-facilitated by a teen whose mother had breast cancer. Details: 531-7551.

■ **Check out books** from the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is located at 1414 Walnut St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information, call 848-0237.

■ **Hall of Health**, 2230 Shattuck Ave., a health exhibit museum of Children's Hospital Oakland, presents free puppet shows, 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Kids on the Block, the award-winning educational puppet troupe, features puppets with such conditions as cerebral palsy, blindness and Down syndrome. The Hall of Health is a hands-on community, health-education museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center. Hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Details: 549-9882.

■ **El Cerrito** offers special programs for children from 22 months to 5 years of age. These programs are designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22 months to 3; 1/2 years meets Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. Located at 7007 Moeser Lane. For details, call Judie, 215-4371.

■ **LGBTQ Parent and Prospective Parent Groups** meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent child care. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. Details: Anna at familyprogram@yahoo.com or 415-789-8560 classes

■ **The Ann Martin Children's Center** offers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. Details: 524-0821.

## Classes

■ **University of California Botanical Garden** holds a free Sick Plant Clinic on the first Saturday of every month, 9 a.m. to noon. UC Plant pathology and entomology experts will diagnose what ails your plant. UC Botanical Garden is at 200 Centennial Dr. in Berkeley. For information, call 510-643-2755.

## Classes

■ **Folkdance classes**, Mondays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 53 Arlington Ave. (across from the Kensington Library). Simple, clear lessons for people of all levels. Emphasis is good music and fun. Cost: \$30 for 6-week session (pro-rated fees apply). \$8 for drop in session. Details: Mel Harte, at 848-5289 before 9 p.m.

■ **Vista Community College**, 2020 Milvia St., offers its new Sunrise College

this spring with classes in accounting, e-commerce, business, Java programming, English, ESL, statistics and Spanish for business professionals. Classes start at 7 a.m. and end at 9 a.m. Call 981-2800 for more information.

■ **Assets Senior Employment** offers a job training program for income-eligible people 55 and older living in Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley and Albany. Earn when you learn. Interested in working with children? You can receive college credit in Early Childhood Development while being paid. Class starts soon. Call 238-3554 for more information.

■ **Julia Morgan Center for the Arts**, 2640 College Ave., offers a family-friendly program of classes, workshops and activities taught by professional teaching artists, all aimed at bringing arts participation into people's everyday lives. Classes take place at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts. For details, including class descriptions, fees, and instructor bios, see [www.juliamorgan.org](http://www.juliamorgan.org) or call 845-8542.

■ **The Berkeley Adult School** offers Adult Basic Education classes, High School Diploma Requirement classes, General Educational Development Preparation classes which can be utilized to earn a GED certificate, and Preparation for US Citizenship classes. The classes are free. BAS also offers, for an affordable fee, a variety of vocational classes and computer classes, ranging from introduction to Computers to Advanced Computer Applications. Details: 644-6130.

■ **The South Berkeley Senior Center**, 2939 Ellis St., offers a variety of classes. Details: 883-5222

■ **Interview Clinics** sponsored by Turning Point Center at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, are held on Monday mornings from 9-11 by appointment. 30-minute sessions are \$15 for YWCA members and \$20 for non-members. Call 848-6370 and leave a message to reserve an appointment time. Leave a name and telephone number.

■ **A free CopWatch** class takes place Monday nights from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at 2022 Blake St. near Shattuck. Know your rights. Details: 548-0425.

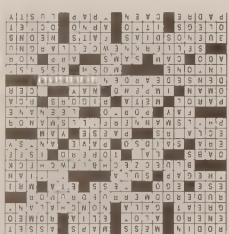
■ **Berkeley Community Media**, Channel 25, offers affordable classes in video production and editing to Berkeley residents. Free orientations designed to introduce BCM to the public are held on Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 2239 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Details: 848-2288 and ask for Patrick, John or Sage.

■ **Ashkenaz**, 1317 San Pablo Ave., offers many dances classes ranging from Afro-Cuban to Kalarjali Dances of India, to West Coast Swing to Lindy Hop and East Coast Swing. Ashkenaz is a non-profit music and dance community center. Details: 525-5054.

■ **Life Stories/Collage and Ceramics** classes forming at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Berkeley Adult School. Details: 845-6830.

■ **Contemporary Women's Issues** class is forming at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St. Free class offered by the Berkeley Adult School, taught by Judith Carroll, MFCC. Friday mornings 10 a.m. to noon. Open to all women 55 or older. Details: 644-6107.

■ **Dance and Fitness Classes** open to all in flamenco, Afro-Brazilian, belly dance, salsa, swing, ballroom, tap, the-



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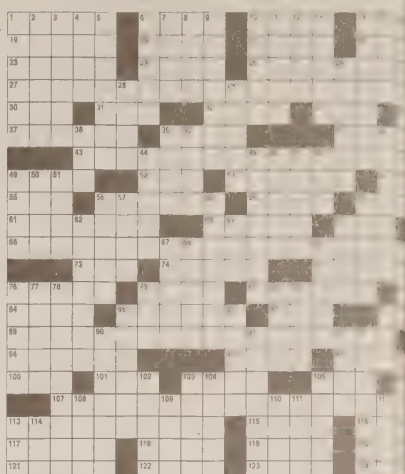
#### ACROSS

- 1 "Eternal Spring" sculptor
- 6 Bungle, with "up"
- 10 Maker of Twix and Starburst
- 14 Factory machinery, e.g.
- 19 Six months from July
- 20 Leads
- 21 "A Chapter on Ears" writer
- 22 Paris rival
- 23 "Excellent!"
- 24 Festive event
- 25 Cool
- 27 Boorish boarder regretted scuttled
- 30 Rome-to-Athens dir.
- 31 Kind of trip
- 32 1994 Shirley MacLaine title role
- 33 H., to Herodotus
- 34 Kind of test
- 37 Clothing retailer since 1969
- 39 Toni Morrison book
- 41 "Venus of Urbino" painter
- 43 Depressed Dostoevsk
- 45 Small amounts
- 52 Choe Ter.
- 53 Ring leader?
- 54 "Goicha"

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#### DOWN

- 1 "To ... deeply is to live afresh!"
- 2 Charge
- 3 Late rocker
- 4 "Dias ..."
- 5 Fake
- 6 Cartoon Mr. Kingdom east of Babylon
- 8 Step on it
- 9 Shake up
- 10 Computer offerings
- 11 Fugard's "A Lesson From ..."
- 12 Zest producer
- 13 Start of a French omelette
- 14 Like the words of Jesus
- 15 Star turn
- 16 Most insincere
- 17 Poet's construction
- 18 Sprout
- 26 Quarterback's call
- 28 Old Soviet secret police org.
- 29 Jump at a noise, e.g.
- 35 Revs
- 36 One way to sing
- 38 Literary monogram
- 39 Large number
- 40 Commando weapons
- 42 Victim in a 1932 mystery novel, with "he"
- 44 "I Still See ..."
- 45 Wish
- 46 Laca ... "The Godfather" henchman
- 47 Be candid
- 48 "... he drove out of sight"
- 49 Bass
- 50 Bend
- 51 Indonesian tourist destination
- 68 Observant one
- 69 Two-time Oscar-winning director
- 70 One watching for traffic
- 71 As soon as
- 72 Caboose
- 76 Conducting sites



- 64 Dance, e.g.
- 65 W.W. I battle site
- 67 Salt ... (rap trio)
- 68 Observant one
- 69 Two-time Oscar-winning director
- 70 One watching for traffic
- 71 As soon as
- 72 Caboose
- 76 Conducting sites
- 77 Rework
- 78 West downhill
- 79 Metz Mrs.
- 81 Football stats: Abbr.
- 82 Big cut
- 85 10's
- 86 "The Silence of the Lambs" director
- 88 Dept. of the Treasury
- 90 Ring
- 91 "Easy!"
- 92 British title
- 93 Talk of Toledo
- 97 Bar.
- 98 Browning piece
- 99 Unfailing
- 102 Treater
- 103 Compete in the Winter Olympics, maybe
- 104 W.
- 105 I
- 108 Blog
- 109 M
- 110 N
- 111
- 113
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ater dance, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, pilates-based body conditioning and more at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees: \$8-10. Information: 848-6370.

■ **Let's Swing and Jitterbug**; 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate; four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month; Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut,

Berkeley; Diana Castillo, 549-3591; \$40 for four classes.

## Community


■ **The Lawrence Hall of Science** presents a day of special activities and events about the Asian elephant and the Asian culture from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 12. Location: Centennial Drive

above the UC Berkeley campus and just below Grizzly Peak Blvd. Admission: \$8 for adults, \$6 for youth 5-18 and \$4 for children 3-4. Free for children under 3. Parking is 50 cents. For more information, call 510-642-5132

■ **The UC Botanical Garden** holds its annual fall plant sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 29. The sale will feature rare and unusual plants from the Garden's

collections including, o succulents, perennials, C. tives, vines, and herbs. view sale will be held at the Botanical Garden. Memberships will be a door. The UC Botanical Garden is at Strawberry Canyon Drive, Berkeley. Details: 848-8488

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# Oakland Ballet

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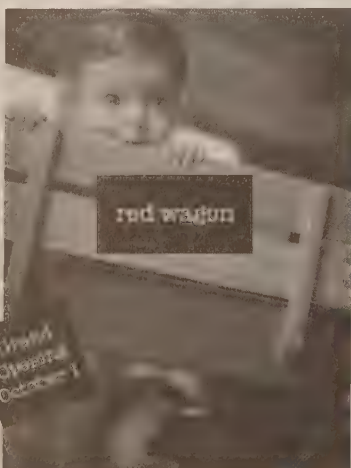
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or on up to the Garden's Web site  
www.berkeley.edu/garden/.

**Berkeley Neighborhood Computer**  
A non-profit organization, provides  
computer and high-demand computer  
training for disadvantaged  
Berkeley individuals. The organization  
provides computers and networking equip-  
ment to be used for training purposes. All  
donations are tax deductible. Details:  
Call 848-6370 or e-mail bnc@netvalue.net.

**Berkeley Camera Club** meet Tues-  
day at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae  
Community Church, 941-1 The Alameda,  
Berkeley. Share slides and prints, learn  
new photography techniques. Details:  
Call 848-6370.

**Take Pounds Off Sensibly**  
CA 1294 is now meeting from  
8:30 a.m. every Thursday evening  
at the West UCC Church, 7075 Cutting  
Road. This is a non-profit organization  
helping men and women in weight con-  
trol. Betty Coates at 235-0490.

**Turning Point** at the YWCA, 2600  
Alameda Way, sponsors Resume Clinics  
on Tuesday afternoons, or by appoint-  
ment. To sign up for an appointment,  
call a message several days before  
you would like to meet. Anne Levine  
has a background in Design and Educa-  
tion. For the past 10 years, she has  
been in producing numerous re-  
sumes as part of her desktop publish-  
ing business. Call 848-6370.

**Berkeley's Office of Emergency Ser-**  
vices presents a new series of free  
Community Emergency Response Train-  
ing classes. The classes give basic,  
practical information, including hands-  
on training in fire suppression, light  
and rescue, and disaster first  
aid. All classes are held at the fire de-  
partment's Emergency Operations Cen-  
ter, 200 Cedar St. The classes are open  
to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or  
works in Berkeley. Register: 644-8736.

**Berkeley Art Museum, Pacific Film**  
Theater offers a guided tour of Equal  
Rights: Men and Women Principals in  
Contemporary Architectural Practice

presented by graduate students from  
the UC Berkeley Department of Archi-  
tecture, College of Environmental De-  
sign on alternating Thursdays at 12:15  
p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. Details:  
642-0808.

**Overeaters Anonymous** meet Fri-  
days at 1:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Com-  
munity Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda  
between Solano and Marin av-  
enues, in Room 2—the child-care  
room—parents may bring their children.  
This organization is for individuals who  
eat compulsively? Details: 525-5231.

**Toastmasters**, do it now. Stand up  
and say what you mean. Come prac-  
tice: Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700  
Heinz Ave. Call 863-6708 for details.

**Civil Rights activists** needed. Write  
the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany,  
Richmond, and Kensington. P.O. Box  
11141, Berkeley, CA, 94701.

**"Work Buddies"**: volunteers needed  
to work with people in early stage  
Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-  
month commitment, two to three hours  
per week. Training provided. Contact  
Nannette Lipton, 644-8292.

**Psychic Healing clinic**: 7 to 9 p.m.  
Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for  
Psychic Studies in Berkeley, Albany,  
cleaning, stress relief; 800-642-9355.

**SMART project**; the Alcohol Re-  
search Group in Berkeley is conducting  
a study to compare the cost and effec-  
tiveness of two kinds of substance  
abuse treatment: medical model day  
treatment and social model day  
treatment. By calling 1-888-248-8802  
and agreeing to do three interviews, in-  
dividuals chosen for the study receive  
free treatment at existing treatment pro-  
grams.

**The Edible Schoolyard**, an organic  
gardening and cooking program at  
Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks  
volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m.  
to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335.

**English-in-Action** lets you make  
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9716.

**Women's Daytime Drop-in Center** in  
Berkeley, serving women who are  
homeless or at risk of becoming home-  
less, needs volunteers. The Center is  
open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday  
through Saturday. Volunteers are  
needed for morning and afternoon  
shifts. For details call 466-5663.

**Exhibit**  
**Traywick Gallery** announces a solo  
exhibition featuring new work by  
Charles LaBelle through Oct. 19, run-  
ning concurrently with the backroom  
show "Ken Fander: Video and Pho-  
tographs." Traywick Gallery is located at  
Berkeley at 1316 Tenth St., near Gilman.  
For details visit www.traywick.com.

**The Richmond Museum of History**  
continues exhibits highlighting Rich-  
mond's agricultural beginnings, indus-  
trial achievements, and home-front con-  
tributions during World War II. Special  
exhibits and events are held throughout  
the year. The museum is located in the  
historic 1910 Carnegie Library in the  
Old Downtown area at Fourth Street  
and Nevins Ave. Call 235-7387 for more  
information or to arrange tours.

**El Cerrito** presents Open Clay Studio  
ongoing classes on Mondays, 7-9 p.m.  
Experience with clay is helpful, but not  
necessary. Opportunities will be pro-  
vided for students to explore areas of  
clay work. Demonstrations and instruc-  
tion will be provided on requests. Ad-  
mission: \$7.50 residents, \$9.50 non-resi-  
dents. The location: Tassajara Pottery  
Center, 2575 Tassajara Boulevard. For  
more details call Judie at 215-4371.

**Alta Bates Medical Center** presents  
work by members of the California Wa-  
tercolor Association at its Community  
Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley.  
The gallery is in the main corridor to the  
left of the information desk and main  
entrance. Call 204-4444 for information.

**New Places Gallery** on Solano Av-  
enue shows quilts and soft cloth sculp-  
tures and dolls exclusively. The gallery  
is open during store business hours:  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Satur-  
day, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday and  
Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday

Noon to 5 p.m. except major holidays.  
Details: 527-6779.

**Health**  
**Charcot Marie Tooth** support group  
meets Saturdays bimonthly at West  
Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave.  
from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuro-  
pathic disorder. Details: 524-3506

**YWCA Health and Community Edu-**  
cation; drop in classes in dance, fitness,  
yoga, martial arts and more; University  
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**Literary Workshop**

**Berkeley Richmond Jewish Commu-**  
nity Center expanded its collection of  
contemporary fiction, nonfiction and  
children's books. Meet the children's li-  
brarian, research your Jewish roots or  
check out best sellers. The library is  
open to the public. Hours: 11 and to 3  
p.m. Monday through Thursday; 6:30  
p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For more  
information, call 848-0237.

**Tai Chi Chuan** and Chi-kung classes  
take place at Berkeley Unitarian Church  
at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings and  
9 a.m. Saturday mornings at Berkeley  
Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists,  
1924 Cedar St. People of all ages and  
physical conditions are welcome to  
practice. Donation: \$65. To sign up call  
268-4995.

**The YWCA** offers free orientations of  
its Turning Point Career Center. The or-  
ientations outline the resources available  
to the public as well as the different  
things that the center has to offer such  
as a great variety of workshops. They  
are held every Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m.  
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cated at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more  
details call 848-6370.

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web site at www.cocoe.k12.ca.us/rop.

**"What Is Meditation,"** is a peaceful  
and practical introduction to the basics  
of meditation. The free seminar takes  
place at Barnes and Noble Booksellers,  
2352 Shattuck Ave. Prag in Dove is the  
facilitator. Call 644-0861 for additional  
information.

**Emotions Anonymous: Take the Step**  
meetings every Sunday at 8 p.m. Call  
236-8226 for Berkeley location.

**Literary Events**

**Writer and long-distance bicyclist**  
Tim Holt gives an informal talk called  
"Rethinking the American Dream:  
Songs of the Simple Life," at 7 p.m.  
Oct. 17, at the Berkeley Public Library,  
2090 Kittredge St. For more information,  
including BART and bus connections,  
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**The Reading Edge** is available for  
public use at the Berkeley Public Li-  
brary, 2121 Alston Way. This computer  
scans printed text and reads it back  
aloud with a synthesized voice. It's  
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that requires its use to access print ma-  
terial. Users must complete a brief train-  
ing session before using the Reading

Edge; after that, reservations are  
needed. Call at 844-6648 to set up a  
training session.

**First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley**,  
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provided. Breakfast is included and free  
registration is required. Call Norah Sher-  
lock at 510-848-6252 ext. 241 or no-  
rahs@fpcberkeley.org.

**Friendship Circle**, a Jewish club for  
older adults, meet 11:30 to 1:30 p.m.  
Wednesdays, at the Oakland Senior  
Center, 200 Grand Avenue. The club is  
an outreach program of Berkeley Rich-  
mond Jewish Community Center. Activi-  
ties include day trips, Jewish holiday  
celebrations, theater outings, entertain-  
ment, speakers and much more. Call  
Maria at 848-0237 ext. 115 for more in-  
formation

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CB.....Carte Blanche	\$.....\$7-\$14
DC.....Diners Club	\$.....\$15-\$20
DS.....Discover Card	\$.....\$20+
MC.....MasterCard	
VS.....VISA	FB.....Full Bar
AC.....All Cards accepted	RR.....Reservations recommended
CA.....Checks accepted	W.....Wheelchair access

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menu is featured daily. Every table has a view of the water and there is  
plenty of free parking. The Pier is open 7 days a week, Mon. - Fri. 11 a.m. -  
10 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. Bar Hours: Mon. - Thu. 11 a.m. - 11  
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personal tastes and food preferences. Extra garlic, light but spicy  
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the menu. Seafood, pasta, chicken, meat, even wild boar are featured;  
plus creative daily specials (with gourmet descriptions). Wild game a  
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**First Church of Christ, Scientist,** sponsors a free workshop at the **Avator Theater**, Studio One, 2640 Bancroft Way, from 4 to 6 p.m. Oct. 12. The workshop is entitled "Where Do I Find My Home, Purpose and Meaning?" Key speaker: **Barbara Berg**. For more information, call 848-5542.

**Improve your speaking skills by attending the "Bay Area Communicators" meetings.** The first and third meetings each month at 7:15 a.m. at the **State Health building**, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750.

**Bay Area Camera Club** meets every second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 7:30 p.m. at the **Community Church**, 941 The Shattuck Building. Share your slides and prints with other photographers at monthly field trips. For more details, call 525-3565.

**American Veterans Chaplains** meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the **State Health building**, 2151 Berkeley Way. A short business meeting at 8 a.m. at 1931 Center St., **Memorial Building**. Price: \$5.00. Members with relatives in the military are invited to attend and receive a free meal. For more information, call 848-6370.

**YCCA** offers free orientations of the **Pyramid Career Center**. The orientations outline the resources available at the center and the great variety of services held every Tuesday, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the **Pyramid Career Center**, 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-6370.

**Bay Area Avatar Metaphysics** club meet on the first and third Thursdays from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the **Pyramid Career Center**. Public speaking and metaphysics come together. For more information, call 869-2547 or 643-7645.

**Bay Area Toastmasters Club** meet on the first and third Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. at the **Pyramid Career Center**. The group specializes in public speaking and improving their communication skills. The group also learn from each other through short speeches. Call 869-2547 or 643-7645.

**Washington Senior Activity Center** meets on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the **Allington Community Center**, 152 Allington Ave. The center's program of life-long learning includes the **West Contra Costa College**. Attend any class or event you wish. Everyone over 55 is welcome. Call 528-9146 or 547-1969 for more information.

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**Smart Join Beijing Express** meets on the first and third Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. at the **Peking Express Restaurant**, 1515 St. For additional information, call 848-9671.

**Yiddish: Yiddish conversation** meets on the first and third Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. at the **North Berkeley Senior Center**, 1901 Hearst. Call 644-6107 for more information.

**Bay Area Communicators Toastmasters Club** meet on the first and third meetings of the month from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. at the **Bay Area City Club**, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 524-3765.

**Bay Area Arthritis Support and Education Group** meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 7:30 p.m. at the **Pyramid Career Center**, 2600 Bancroft Way. Details: 704-1822.

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**"Voices of Healing"** is a group exploring the psychological and spiritual dimensions of illness and healing. The group meets on the second Friday of each month, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235 for more information.

**State Health Toastmasters Club** meet every second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the **State Health building**, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750.

**Higher Alignment** 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Mondays: fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships, Feldenkrais Center, 830 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; (415) 461-5337; \$20.

**Alta Bates Support Groups - Arthritis Support Group** meets the second Tuesday of every month; 1 - 2:30 p.m.; 204-4503. Call for additional special events.

**Overeaters Anonymous**, a 12-step program providing free aid for those with eating problems, meets in Berkeley every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (newcomers at 8 a.m.) at St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave. and in Richmond every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital, 901 Nevin (take Elevator C to the third floor). For further information, call 273-9292.

**TOPS**; 9:30 a.m., Mondays: Take Pounds Off Sensibly, Albany Chapter meets at 980 Stannage St. at Marin; 233-2948 or Karen, 525-8658.

**Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center** and **East Bay Neurology** sponsors a free monthly stroke support group. No advance reservations are required, drop-in anytime. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the **Maffly Auditorium** on **Herrick Campus**, 2001 Dwight way, Berkeley. Details: 204-4503.

## Miscellany

**Albany Library** continues its "The Grapes of Wrath," program, honoring Nobel Prize-winning author John Steinbeck. The program includes a film, "El Norte," at 1:30 p.m. Oct. 12; a "Great Books Discussion Group," from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 15; and "Cuentos Campesinos," a discussion of "The

**Grapes of Wrath**," by storyteller and historian Miguel Espino at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 16. Additional information about these programs can be found on the Alameda County Library's Web site at [www.aclib.org](http://www.aclib.org) by calling the Albany Library at 510-526-3720.

**The Berkeley Farmers' Market** presents its annual "Fall Fruit Tasting" from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 15, Derby St. at Martin Luther King Jr. Way. The program is an opportunity to sample for free, all at one table, the entire range of fall fruit varieties at the **Berkeley Farmers' Market**. For more information, call 510-548-3333, or visit the Web site at [www.ecologycenter.org](http://www.ecologycenter.org).

**Ureala Sherman Community Day** takes place from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 13, at the **Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center**, 1414 Walnut St. The event includes music, theater, dance, art, film stores, cooking, Yiddish games and more. For more information, call 510-848-0237 ext. 111.

**Star Alliance** presents "A Free, Multi-Cultural Concert for Our Highest Common Ideals!" from 2 to 5 p.m. Oct. 12, at **People's Park**, Berkeley. The concert features **Habib Khan**, classical Indian Star, **Michael DeWall**, ballads in Spanish and English, **Axel Van Chee** with **Colleen Kobussen**, piano, **Albert Kimbrough**, jazz-pop keyboard and more.

For more information, call 510-540-8887.

**The North Berkeley Senior Center**, 1901 Hearst St., presents a **Classical Piano Concert** with **Steven Arnston** at 1 p.m. Oct. 15. The **Spirit of '29 Dixieland Band** entertains at the center's "Golden Age Party" for those over 90, at 1:15 p.m. Oct. 16. Everyone invited. For more information, call 981-5190.

## Music

**The Hillside** players present a **Rodgers and Hammerstein Musical Review** at 6 p.m. Sept. 29, at The Hillside Club, 2296 Cedar St., Berkeley. There will be six to nine acts, with performances by **Debra Lee**, **Isaac Pingree**, **Rebecca Pingree**, **Rhonda Beams**, **Julia Etzel**, **Bob Enos**, **Jody Pearce**, **Robert Sholly**, **Simon Trumble**, **Madeline Trumble** and **Emily Trumble**. Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$5 for children under 12 and members of the Hillside Club. Seating is limited. Tickets are available at the door or in advance. Call 339-0868 for advance tickets or for more information.

**The Etude**, a musical study group, holds meetings at the Hillside Club, 2296 Cedar Street, at 1 p.m., fourth Mondays, September through May. De-

cember, the meeting changes to the third Monday. The club is open to both men and women, and includes both performer and non-performers. Additional information can be obtained by calling 510-531-6088 or 525-2806.

**Duckean Distones**, featuring **Donald Bailey** on piano, vocals, harmonica, **Isaiah Dixon**, Acoustic Bass, **Michael Lankford**, Drums and **Larry Giustino** on **Fretless Gibson L4**, perform every Saturday night from 10 to 11 p.m. at **Anne's Place**, 1801 University at Grant. All ages welcome.

**Ashkenaz**, 1317 San Pablo Ave., presents **Grateful Dead DJ** night with **Digital Dave** and **Jazz Z.D.** on Thursday nights from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets are \$4. Call 594-1400 for additional information.

**Friday Night Folk Dancing** 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.; no partners necessary for line dances taught from **Rumania**, **Bulgaria**, **Israel**, **Turkey**, **Near East** and other lands each Friday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., followed by request dances from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. No experience necessary - all ages welcome. **Albany YMCA**, 901 Kains Ave.; \$4; call 525-1542.

## Outdoors

**The UC Berkeley Botanical Garden**, 200 Centennial Drive, Strawberry Canyon, offers a free sick plant clinic on the first Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to noon. Dr. Raabe will diagnose. Details: 643-2755.

**Learn to feed and care for orphaned baby birds:** house sparrows, starlings and pigeons are introduced species that are not afforded care by rehabilitation groups. You can make an important contribution in returning these species to the wild life they deserve to have. Free training and some supplies. Call Myrna 531-3042 or Lelia 655-3911.

**Turning Point** at the **YWCA**, 2600 Bancroft Way, offers "Scribble Time," a technique that helps participants understand themselves and find focus. The group meets on Tuesdays by appointments and is free to **YWCA** members. Call 848-6370 for additional information, leave a message for **Anne Levine**.

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Garden Tilden Park, presents regular tours, week days 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays, and Sundays 2 p.m. Special tours by appointment. Call 841-8732. Details: 925-820-1021.

Religion

■ **The First Congregational Church** of Berkeley, 2345 Channing Way, presents author Rabbi Michael Lerner of Beit Tikkun Synagogue, at 12 p.m. Oct. 6, speaking on "A Jewish Religious Perspective on the Palestinian/Israeli Conflict and Prospects for Peace." Rabbi Lerner is the author of Jewish Renewal: A Path to Healing and Transformation and Spirit Masters. Details: the Rev. David Parks-Ramage at 510-848-3696.

Support

■ **National Alliance for the Mentally Ill**-East Bay Chapter, NAMI-East Bay, sponsors a support group for families of children with mental illness. This group provides information and support to families of children and adolescents with mental illness. The next meeting will be held from 7 to 8:45 p.m. Oct. 15, at Albany United Methodist Church, 980 Stannage St., in Albany (at the corner of Marin Avenue, two blocks east of San Pablo Avenue). Meetings are free and offer parents and family members a chance to talk with others. Details: 510-524-1250.

■ **Grandparent Support Group** meets 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m., the second Thursday every month at Malcolm X Elementary Arts and Academics School, 1731 Prince St., room 105A Berkeley. Grandparents, relatives can express their concerns and needs and receive support, information, and referrals for kinship care. Details: Leni Siegal, 510-844-8517.

■ **Become a Certified Domestic Violence Counselor.** Building Futures with Women and Children is offering a state-recognized training for those interested in volunteering with battered women and children. Training is at 1395 Bancroft Ave in San Leandro. Details: 510-357-0205 ext. 110.

■ **The number of recent tragedies** both locally and across the nation can evoke reactions that can affect us emotionally, physically, in our thoughts and behavior. Alameda County Crisis Support Services offers help through its 24-hour crisis line, grief counseling, education and community debriefing programs. Call 849-2212 for more information.

■ **A free Yoga for Cancer** class meets every Wednesday from 11:30 to 12:45 p.m. at the Alta Bates Comprehensive Cancer Center. The classes are open to both current patients and long-term survivors. Details: 891-9560

■ **Restorative Yoga** class meets on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in central Berkeley. Cost: \$15 per class. Easy, luxurious stretches and mindful breathing help to ease tension and dis-

comfort and open the body to relaxation and well-being. Details: 891-9560.

■ **"The Grief Care Community"** offers 8-week bereavement support groups as well as art therapy grief groups, and individual support. Details: 540-0830.

■ **The local self-help group** for Berkeley National Multiple Sclerosis Society meets periodically. Details: 653-4534.

■ **Alta Bates Medical Center** Herrick Campus offers a guided relaxation and visualization for people with cancer every Thursday, 5-6 p.m. at its Comprehensive Cancer Center, first floor Conference Room, 2001 Dwight Way. The Center offers this solution with an innovative approach to reducing stress and anxiety and creating positive, life-affirming images. Details: 204-1811.

■ **Alta Bates Medical Center**, offers a Grief Education Class every third Saturday of each month, 10 a.m.-noon at 2001 Dwight Way. The class covers common and personal grief reactions. Fee: \$10. No one refused due to inability to pay. Details: 841-2930.

■ **Alta Bates Medical Center**, 3001 Dwight Way, offers support group classes for stroke survivors and their families and friends the first Tuesday of the month, from 4-5 p.m. at the Herrick Campus of Alta Bates Medical Center.

No admission charge, advance registration not necessary. Details: 204-4503.

■ **The Comprehensive Cancer Center** and Breast Center Salon, Alta Bates Medical Center, 3001 Dwight Way, offers a free support group for friends and families coping with cancer on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. Details: 204-1811.

■ **The Lupus Foundation** of Northern California is still accepting applications for its Youth Pilot Support Program currently underway at Lucille Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. Monthly group is open to teens suffering from lupus and other rheumatic diseases. Details: 408-954-8600 or visit www.balf.org.

■ **The City of Berkeley** Portable Meals program desperately needs drivers to deliver 15 meals once a week to home-bound seniors. Call 644-8590.

■ **The North Berkeley Senior Center** is seeking volunteers for its gift shop, coffee bar and dining area three to four hours, one day a week. Call 644-6107

■ **Shotgun Players** presents the play "We won't Pay! We won't Pay!" by Italian Nobel Prize winner Dario Fo, through Oct. 19 at 2525 Eighth St., West Berkeley. Times: 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are

\$10 Thursdays, \$12-\$18 other days. \$25 opening night. Call 510-704-8210 or check www.shotgunplayers.org.

■ **Learn easy** international folk dances, fun for all ages at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kams Ave. No experience necessary. Wear comfortable shoes and come prepared for a good time. Admission. Adults \$2, kids \$1. Details: 525-1130.

■ **Family Folkdancing** takes place on the third Sundays, 1-2:30 p.m. at Ashkenaz Music and Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave. Bring your feet and a spirit of fun. No experience necessary. An opportunity for families to dance and laugh together. Enjoy good fun and exercise. All ages welcome. Drop-in, no registration needed. Adults \$3, children \$2. Details: 632-3713.

■ **Swing Dance Classes!** Learn East coast swing and Lindy Hop with Michael and Persephone of Shagtime Dance Instruction, on Mondays at the Work Studio, 2566 Telegraph Ave. Beginning Lindy Hop runs 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. East Coast Swing from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays, at The Beat, 2560 Ninth St. Classes run as a monthly series. Details: 528-7858.

■ **The Sierra Club Bay Chapter** in

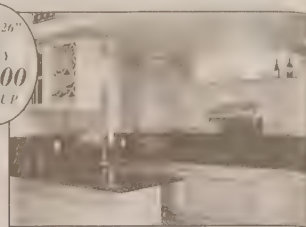
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Section D

## Classic Classics: Owner finds second '54 Mercury Monterey [D2]

CHERYL JENSEN  
Down the Road

What does  
"Buy American"  
really mean?

**MOTOR MATTERS**  
"Buy American" isn't a battle cry in the automotive industry the way it was in the past, but there are people who say they will buy an "American" car.  
According to a study of 646 consumers done by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in 1994, one-sixth of those surveyed was critically important that a vehicle that is made in the U.S. or Canada.  
The study said this number extrapolates to 2,500,000 new car sales per year in the United States.

What makes a car "American" and how can consumers tell a vehicle's DNA? They can look at the domestic content label, which is near, or part of, the window sticker.

The American Automobile Labeling Act requires these labels on passenger vehicles made after Jan. 1, 1994. Yet most people never heard of them.

More than 75 percent of consumers in the NHTSA survey, even those who cared deeply about "Buy American," were unaware of AAAL labels.

The domestic content label law passed by Congress requires three pieces of information: the percent U.S. and Canadian parts that a vehicle contains, the location where the vehicle is assembled and the place where the engine and transmission are built.

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SAAB 9-3 SPORTS SEDAN for 2003 with its turbo engine accelerates like a Jack rabbit and handles with ease, but its interior is pretty ordinary.

## Saab Sports Sedan: Lightweight with knockout punch

**MOTOR MATTERS**

Saab just introduced a new 9-3 Series car. This one is a 2003 Sports Sedan — with emphasis on the word "sports."

The exterior appearance is attractive; but the interior except for the leather seats, is ordinary. But after I got behind the wheel, it became a different story.

The real story is why the Sports Sedan performs so well — which I'll get to in a moment.

First, what was obvious from the start was the ease with which this car accelerated and handled.

Through traffic, on the highway, along wiggly roads, the Sports Sedan is enjoyable to drive.

It handles with ease, and the steering is very precise. Best of all, it accelerates like a Jack rabbit.

There's a choice of two transmissions. A five-speed manual uses cable-shift, which provides a precise feel and makes shifting enjoyable.

The automatic transmission has Sentronic for manual shifting and, as an option, steering wheel shift controls.

After an hour or so of pleasurable

**TOM KEANE**

Keane on Wheels

driving, I arrived at the second stage of my test-drive. The Saab people had set up a slalom for the automotive journalists to demonstrate their skills in the Sports Sedan, as well as in three competitive and more expensive sports cars.

We were timed as we drove each vehicle through the tight

course of cones and, rather consistently, the Sports Sedan produced the best time.

Here's a car that has a 2.0-liter, four-cylinder turbo engine producing a mere 175 horsepower and selling for only \$25,900, yet the Sports Sedan beat other manufacturers' cars that have greater horsepower and a much higher price tag.

Later, a Saab representative gave me a walk-around of the Sports Sedan, including its skeletal frame that allowed me to see what was under the sheet metal. I was told the reason for the ex-

ceptionally low coefficient of drag in 0.28 is because Saab engineers designed this car to allow the air resistance to slip over the body with ease.

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Pop-up campers have been around for many years. They can be relatively inexpensive, comfortable and carry the same family-use appeal as many people already own.

One of the most serious drawbacks of pop-up campers is their weight and height. These details are effectively eliminated when you use a Four Wheel Pop-Up Camper.

Pop-up campers are common than their conventional hard-side equivalents, but they have a lot to offer an enthusiast. The campers are constructed by Four Wheel Campers and are configured much like their counterparts in the market, and like the others, they offer some of the same features and functional features of the camping crowd.

The company name is well known, and sums up what sets them apart. Four Wheel Campers with all-aluminum framing and durable materials to withstand even heavy use.

One of these RVs onto a truck, and it'll live in almost anything a truck can handle, as well as the comfortable living space reaching the destination.

The normal exterior tie-downs and brackets are eliminated in favor of clamps that fit the truck bed walls for a smooth exterior appearance.

Easy and comfortable to use, the truck fitted with a pop-up camper. The Four Wheel Pop-Up model, the largest one in the manufacturer's line, measures less than a foot tall above the truck bed when folded down.

It's built for a long-bed full-size truck, but the camper does not extend the back end of the truck. There's no hitch interference when pulling a trailer.

Grandby weighs less than 1,000 pounds, so it's suitable for many lighter-rated 1/2-ton trucks, too.

The new profile and lighter weight mean less wind drag and less load to tote, all of which translates into better fuel economy and more stability in

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crosswinds. Braking and steering are likewise less impacted by the camper's presence.

Hard-side campers often have that top-heavy feeling that leads to body roll and sway if the pickup isn't properly set up, but that problem is not a significant issue with the old-down campers.

Campsite setup is easier than it looks and takes all of a minute after a practice run or two. After releasing the hold-down latches, the user gives a slight push-up from inside, and the lift mechanism does the rest.

Each pop-up camper uses a different lift system. The Grandby has spring-loaded interior panels that raise and lock the top in place. The interior has about 6 feet 3 inches of headroom when raised.

The Four Wheel camper provides secure accommodations, but it's more basic than a fully outfitted hardwall camper. It has a large cabover bed, sofa that folds out to a simple double bed; a kitchenette unit with a propane stove and gas or electric refrigerator, plus a variety of storage spaces nearby.

This model doesn't have a shower, water heater, or toilet facilities, but it has a cabinet sized for a porta-potty. With a little ingenuity you can manage quite well. For example, heated water on the stove for asparagus bath to knock the worst of the dust off, and it worked fine.

We enjoyed a few delightful nights' sleep on the cabover bed. On balmy nights we opened the large side windows to enjoy the breeze, and the night smells.

Each window has an interior insulation/privacy panel, as well as a flexible plastic window panel. When both are opened, there's a fine-mesh bugscreen to help deter unwanted visitors.

Outside, each window also includes a roll-down weather cover for those nights when the rain is driving heavily.

As for climate control, the fabric tent section can be fitted

with the optional Arctic Pack insulation. This extra layer of quilted fabric helps retain some heat, and the optional 16,000-Btu forced-air furnace brings the camper interior up to shirt-sleeve comfort in no time.

The Four Wheel camper prices start at about \$7,400 for the basic model. Fully equipped, the camper costs about \$12,000, more or less, and that varies greatly.

The company makes it possible to outfit the camper with as many or as few comfort and convenience accessories as a buyer can want.

This is probably my personal favorite kind of RV because it's easy to set up and easy to drive. In addition, it is affordable and comfortable for my kind of camping.

A long weekend spent in a Four Wheel Camper is good for one's soul and relaxing for one's body. A fold-down camper is definitely worth considering as a viable and fun option for enjoying your RVing time.

Contact Four Wheel Pop Up at 1460 Churchill Downs Ave., Woodland, CA 95776; 800-242-1442. [www.fourwheelcampers.com](http://www.fourwheelcampers.com).



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## GM reinvents the wheel

**MOTOR MATTERS**

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locked into a design that we have to go with if it doesn't turn out to be good," says Hogan.

The entire design and examination effort is accomplished within 15 weeks, compared to a year under the previous process. At that point, top executives decide on a new vehicle.

If the answer is "go," a previously involved exec shepherds it into production, usually within 18 to 24 months, depending on how much the vehicle uses existing parts.

"In the past, there was a lack of clear authority," admits Hogan. "We were revisiting product decisions frequently, which drove design and engineering changes. Late changes are not good — no matter what way you look at it."

Among the new vehicles currently under consideration for future production are concept designs shown this past year: the Pontiac Solstice, Chevrolet Bel Air and the Buick Bengal, an open-top roadster with a hidden back seat, shown a year earlier. GM's entire North American portfolio amounts to about 70 cars, trucks, vans, sport utilities and crossovers.

Indeed, the new process sounds impressive, and in fact, proof exists that it can work.

The Hummer H2 came to life within 18 months, which included GM's negotiations with AM General for Hummer licensing and its agreement on a future H2, engineering of the H2 and construction of a new plant in which to build it.

The feat is quite remarkable even by the best of industry standards.

By the end of my interview with Hogan, I was becoming more convinced, but I still had to play devil's advocate. Why should I believe this process will work when others I reported on failed? I asked him.

"I think you have to believe in Bob Lutz. He's got a track record," Hogan responded. Lutz, known for show-stopping vehicles like the Dodge Viper when he was at DaimlerChrysler, joined GM in the past couple years to head product development.

"And, I think, by and large, the GM product track record, especially on the truck side, speaks for itself." Well, maybe this time it will work. Maybe.

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**Q** I just purchased a new set of tires for my '97 Acura. My neighbor commented that the red dots on the sidewall were in the wrong spot, compared to the wheels.

**Pete Albert, Seattle**  
**A** Replacement and new-original tires might include a temporary red and/or yellow dot on the sidewall. The red dot indicates the

**BRAD BERGHOLDT**  
Auto QnA

When mounting a tire to the wheel this spot should be aligned with the wheel's point of minimum radial run-out, or low spot. Doing so is called match mounting, which reduces the stacking of tolerances, and the chance of vibration.

Steel rims often have a small

dimple or paint mark indicating the low spot, while alloy or unmarked wheels should be matched to the valve stem hole. Some tires also might have a yellow dot, indicating the point of lightest weight.

Yokohama Tire recommends matching this mark to the valve stem hole (the heaviest point of the wheel), should the wheel contain no run-out marking, while Bridgestone Tire recommends matching the red dot to the valve stem hole.

Should you take your car back to the tire installer? It depends.

Mismatching the red mark is certainly a professional faux pas, worthy of a comment, but might not be that big a deal. Does the car drive silky smooth at all speeds? If so, there's nothing to worry about.

On the other hand, if any vibration is felt, or more than an ounce or two of weight was added to any of the wheels during balancing, this may indicate poor tire-wheel uniformity, and justify the trouble of a return trip.

**Q** The parking brake pedal on my S-15 Jimmy goes all the way to the floor without much holding power. (It's adequate except on steep hills.)

What can be done to correct this? I had all the brakes done about two years ago, and I'm fairly sure they're OK.

**Janice Pinos, Scotts Valley, Calif.**

**A** It sounds like either your rear brakes are out of adjustment or the parking brake cables have stretched.

Let's start by noting how the service (main) brake pedal engages. If it seems low — nearer the floor than normal — a service brake adjustment might be needed.

Try backing up and stopping Jimmy rather crisply, about 15 times. If the brake self-adjusters are free (not bound by dirt or corrosion) they should have moved into the optimum position for riding pedal height. If not, the car will require disassembly, cleaning and adjusting.

Next is the parking brake adjustment.

This is a nut, threaded on a rod, at the intersection of the parking brake cable and the equalizer. It's under the J-plate to the left of the transmission.

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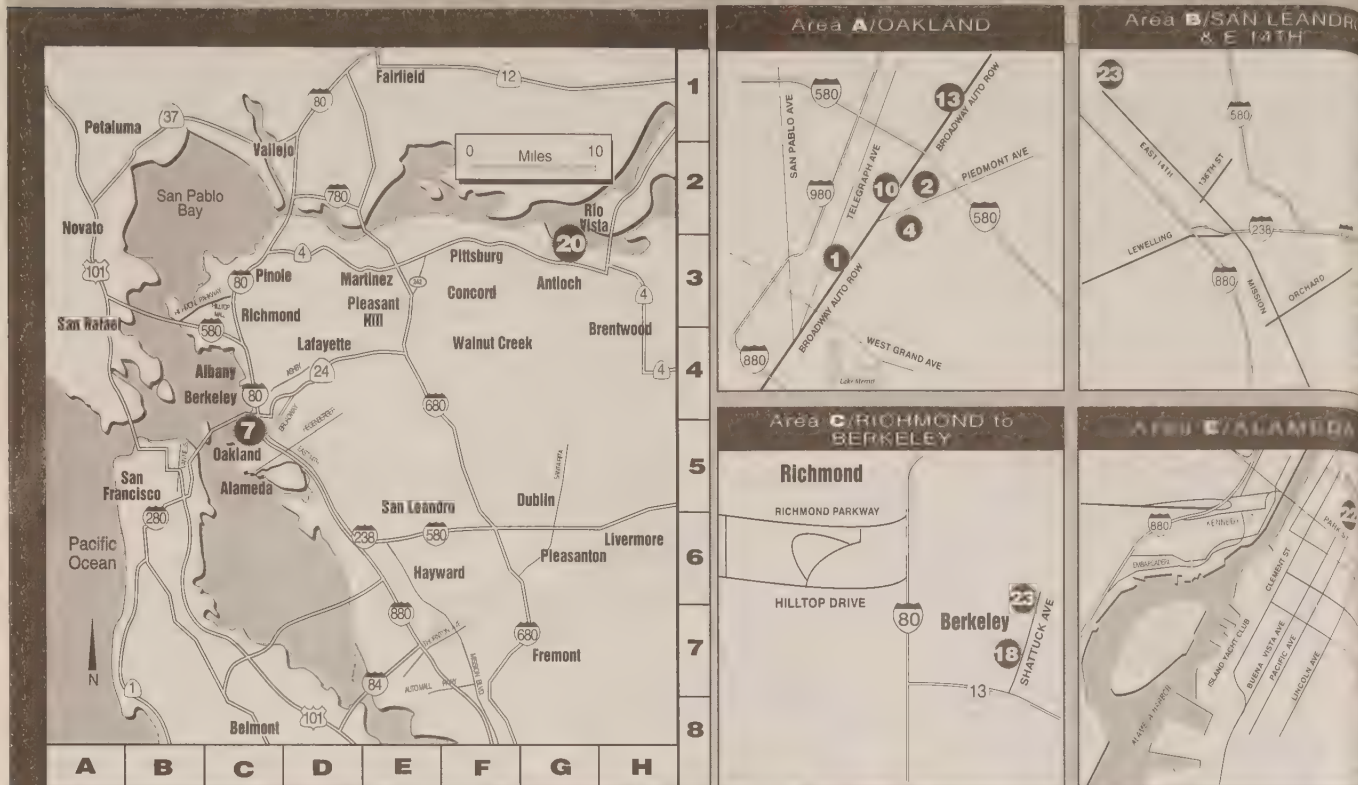






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Month with these tasty recipes

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Americans join together to  
celebrate their favorite crispy,  
crunching treat... popcorn!  
October pass without cele-  
brating National Popcorn Poppin'

fall, popcorn lovers cele-  
brate harvesting of this nutri-  
tious and versatile snack. Annually,  
we eat up more than 17 billion  
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lar and versatile. Topped  
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seasoning or eaten just plain, it's a  
delicious and tasty treat.

There are a few quick and easy  
ways to celebrate National Popcorn  
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**Have a popcorn party.** Create  
a popcorn bar with sweet and  
savory toppings and let your guests  
create their own popcorn taste sen-

**Art.** Create shapes for  
the harvest season (Jack-O-  
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3-POP.

**PARK POPCORN**  
**CRUNCH**  
1 cup butter  
1 cup brown sugar  
1/2 cup unsalted  
popcorn  
1 cup chopped walnuts  
1/2 cup butter and

brown sugar till light and fluffy. In a  
separate bowl, toss popcorn and  
walnuts. Add creamed mixture to  
popcorn and nuts. Combine until  
coated. Spread on a large baking  
sheet in a single layer. Bake in 350  
degrees oven for 10 minutes or un-  
til crisp. Yield: 3 quarts.

**POPCORN GRANOLA**  
3 1/2 quarts popped popcorn  
1 cup flaked or shredded co-  
conut

1 cup sliced almonds or sun-  
flower seeds  
2/3 cup raisins  
1/2 cup honey  
1/2 cup butter or margarine,  
melted

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1 teaspoon salt (optional)  
Preheat oven to 250 degrees.

Combine popped popcorn, co-  
conut, almonds and raisins. Blend  
honey, butter, cinnamon and salt, if  
desired. Pour over popcorn mixture.  
Toss to coat thoroughly. Spread on  
lightly buttered 15 x 10-inch jelly roll  
pan. Bake for 40 minutes, stirring  
every 10 minutes. Cool to crisp.  
Store in tightly covered container.  
Makes 18 servings.

**ENGLISH TOFFEE POPCORN**  
**BAR**

2 1/2 quarts popped popcorn  
1 cup peanuts  
1 cup flaked coconut, toasted  
Toffee:

1 1/2 cups butter or margarine  
1 1/2 cups sugar  
3 tablespoons water  
4 1/2 teaspoons light corn syrup

**Chocolate Topping:**  
1 1/2 cups (9 ounces) chocolate  
pieces

1 tablespoon shortening  
Combine popcorn, peanuts and  
toasted coconut. Cover bottom of

a buttered 15 1/2 by 10 1/2 by 1-  
inch jelly-roll pan with half popcorn  
mixture. Keep filled pan and re-  
maining popcorn mixture warm in  
a preheated 200 degree oven.

**Toffee:** Melt butter over low heat  
in a heavy 2-quart saucepan. Add  
sugar and blend well. Continue to  
cook over low heat stirring constan-  
tly until mixture reaches a full  
boil. Add water and corn syrup; mix  
well.

Wash down sides of pan with a  
pastry brush dipped in water to re-  
move any sugar granules. Cook  
and stir over low heat, until mixture  
reaches soft-crack stage on a candy  
thermometer (280 degrees).

Immediately pour mixture over  
warm popcorn in jelly-roll pan, mak-  
ing certain all popcorn is covered.  
Quickly spread and press remain-  
ing popcorn mixture into hot toffee.  
Set aside to cool.

**Chocolate topping:** Melt choco-  
late and shortening over low heat.  
Spread over popcorn mixture, mak-  
ing certain any loose pieces are  
held in place. Cool. Cut into bars.  
May be wrapped in plastic wrap for  
storage.

Makes 20 (4 by 2 inch) bars.

**COUNTRY COUSIN POPCORN**  
**BALLS**

2 cups sugar  
2/3 cup apple juice or water  
2/3 cup maple syrup  
1/2 cup butter

1 1/2 teaspoons salt  
4 quarts warm popped popcorn  
1 cup honey-roasted, unsalted  
or salted peanuts

1 8-ounce package chopped  
dates (1 1/2 cups)

Combine sugar, apple juice,  
syrup, butter and salt in a heavy



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Cheesecake may be a classic holiday dessert, but that doesn't mean you can't improve upon perfection. From luscious ingredient additions to better baking methods, it's possible to bake up a cake that's reason enough to celebrate on its own. Consider these preparation tips:

- For even marbling and the best distribution of added ingredients — such as nuts or Reese's new peanut butter and milk chocolate chips — do not over-soften or over-beat the cream cheese.

- Avoid overbaking. Cheesecake baking times are not always exact, due to variations in ovens. The cheesecake will continue to bake after it is removed from the oven. The center of the cheesecake should be just slightly moist when it is ready to be removed.

- Baked cheesecakes freeze well. Cool completely and wrap securely in heavy-duty foil or plastic wrap; do not freeze cheesecakes with garnishes or toppings.

One way to wow your guests this year is with this rich recipe:

## PEANUT BUTTER AND MILK CHOCOLATE CHIP LAYERED CHEESECAKE

11/2 cups graham cracker crumbs

11/3 cups sugar, divided

1/3 cup Hershey's cocoa

1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, melted

2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened

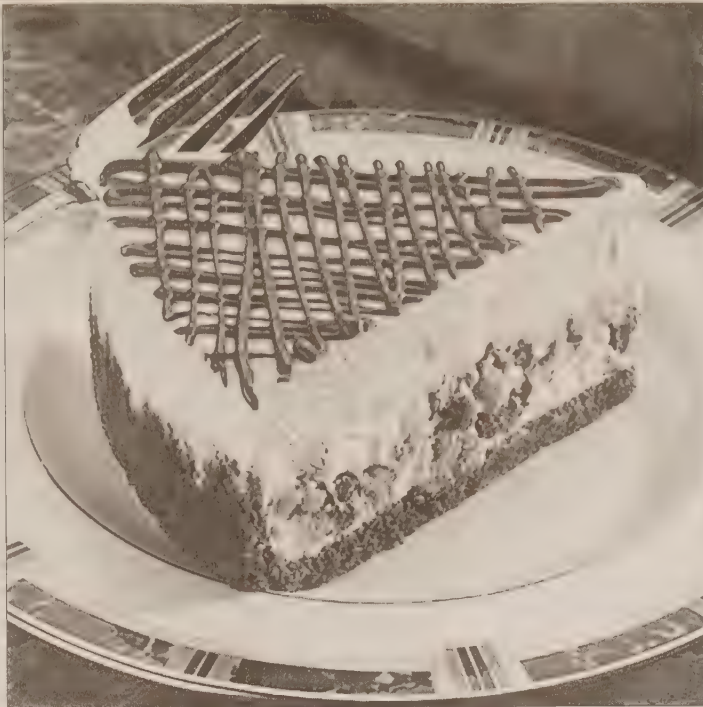
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

3 cartons (8 ounces each) dairy sour cream

3 eggs, slightly beaten

13/4 cups (11 ounce package) Reese's peanut butter and milk chocolate chips, divided

1 teaspoon shortening (do not



PEANUT BUTTER, chocolate and cream cheese combine in this rich, creamy, delectable creation.

use butter, margarine, spread or oil)

- Heat oven to 325 degrees. Combine graham cracker crumbs, 1/3 cup sugar, cocoa and melted butter in medium bowl. Press crumb mixture evenly onto bottom and about 1-1/2 inches up side of 9-inch springform pan. Bake 8 minutes; remove from oven. Cool slightly.

- Increase oven temperature to 350 degrees. Beat cream cheese, remaining 1 cup sugar and vanilla on medium speed of mixer until well-blended.

- Add sour cream; beat on low

speed until blended. Add eggs; beat on low speed until just blended. Do not over-beat.

- Pour 2 cups filling into prepared crust. Reserve 1/4 cup chips for drizzle. Sprinkle remaining 1-1/2 cup chips evenly over filling in pan. Carefully spoon remaining filling over chips.

- Bake about 1 hour or until center is almost set. Remove from oven. Using knife or narrow metal spatula, loosen cheesecake from side of pan. Cool on wire rack additional 30 minutes. Remove side of pan; cool 1 hour.

- Combine shortening and reserved 1/4 cup chips in a small, microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on High (100%) 30 seconds; stir. If necessary, microwave on High additional 15 seconds at a time, stirring after each heating, until chips are melted and mixture is smooth when stirred. Drizzle over cheesecake; cover and refrigerate at least 4 hours.

- Makes 12 to 14 servings. Cover and refrigerate leftovers.

For more cheesecake recipes and tips from Hershey, visit [www.HersheysKitchens.com](http://www.HersheysKitchens.com).

# Popcorn

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saucepan. Bring to a boil, stirring occasionally. Remove sugar from sides of pan with a wet brush. Cook, without stirring, until mixture reaches 270 degrees, or the soft crack stage on a candy thermometer. Add vanilla. Pour mixture over popped popcorn, peanuts and dates; mix well. Wet or butter hands and shape into 3-inch balls.

Makes 18 balls.

## PEANUT BUTTER POPCORN SQUARES

1 cup light corn syrup  
1 cup sugar  
1 cup peanut butter — smooth or crunchy

2 quarts popped popcorn  
Combine corn syrup, sugar and peanut butter in a large saucepan. Bring to a boil while stirring constantly. Over low heat, boil for three minutes. Remove from the heat and add popcorn. Toss with wooden spoons (mixture will be hot) to coat well and press into a greased 13 x 9 x 2 inch pan. Cool and cut into squares.

Makes 12 good-sized squares.

## SUGAR CORN SNACK ATTACK

1/2 cup unpopped popcorn  
3 tablespoons white sugar  
1/4 C vegetable oil for popping  
Heat oil in medium sized pan until hot. Add popcorn and sprinkle all of the sugar over it. Cover and shake

continuously until popped

## POPCORN WITCH'S HAT BROOMSTICKS

1 1/2 cups sugar  
3/4 cup light molasses  
1/2 cup water  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
2 tablespoons butter  
2 1/2 quarts warm popcorn

Licorice strings  
Candy corn  
Wooden skewers

Combine sugar, molasses and salt in a heavy saucepan over medium heat and cook until sugar dissolves. Wash from sides of pan with a wet brush. Cook to 270 degrees (soft stage) on a candy thermometer. Move from heat; stir in molasses and butter. Shape as directed below.

**Witch's Hat:** Pack 1 measure into a large buttered similarly slanted bowl. Insert into a pointed cone with hat. To assemble hat, place cone on a 12-inch black plate. Trim of hat with candy licorice string tie.

**Broomsticks:** Make 1 measure 1 cup of mixture to spread each broom head. Insert skewer for handle. Wrap licorice strings along cut in 2 1/2-inch lengths for broom straws. Makes 9 brooms.

## Calling all cookie bakers

The Hills Newspapers' food section is seeking holiday cookie recipes for its Dec. 6 issue. If you have a special holiday cookie recipe that you'd like to share with other readers, please send it to: Shopping Plus/Special Sections

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# Wine recommendations — a Chardonnay and a Merlot

BY BEN GILBERTI

SPECIAL TO THE WASHINGTON POST

■ Radanovich 2000 Chardonnay "Sierra Foothills" (\$16; California): Although George Radanovich is a member of Congress, he was a farmer and a self-taught winemaker long before his successful bid for the House in 1994. This wine gets

my vote because it is delectable in a way that is quite unlike other admirable Chardonnays from the Golden State.

Instead of the oaky, tropical-fruit style typical of Napa or Sonoma, this is unexpectedly reminiscent of an Alsace Pinot Blanc/Chardonnay, marked by notes of Golden Deli-

cious apple and Beurre d'Anjou pears, with minimal oak to get in the way of the full-bodied fruit. Quite nice. (Available through the Henry Group.)

■ Tapiz 2000 Merlot (\$8; Argentina): Though inexpensive, this South American Merlot brims with fruit and has an excellent structure.

The ripe plum and berry fruit are nicely spiced up with hints of French and American oak from eight months of barrel aging. This is a big wine, and should be saved for the dinner table, where it will match ideally with hearty stews of beef, lamb and harvest vegetables. (Distributed by Kendall-Jackson.)



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# Cookbook offers food, words of comfort

BY PATTI JONES  
PHOTOGRAPH BY TAZELAAR

SEATTLE — Annemarieke Tazelaar lives with her cat, Malaysia, in a tiny house tucked behind trees in Tukwila, Wash. On this day, she's at a table for two for tea. The cups are empty. But between them sits a large platter, piled with thick slices of golden spice bread tasting like, "Anise," offers Tazelaar, her blue eyes dancing. "It's so easy and so unique. Well, maybe not so unique now that the book is out."

"The book" is the newly published "A Cup of Comfort Cookbook" (Adams, \$12.95). If all the copies printed are actually sold, Tazelaar's recipe for Dutch Breakfast Bread will end in the hands of some 60,000 friends and strangers. It can be found on Page 194 — after arendma Zatylny's Borscht and before Abuelita's Rice Pudding.

Sipping tea in her sitting room, Tazelaar admits she's no Julia Child. Indeed, she doesn't even fancy herself as a cook. Sure, like everyone else, she finds some foods comforting. "I like thick pea soup with bits of rice, the kind that makes your nose run," she offers.

But Tazelaar's true passion is writing, she says. Short stories. Essays. Letters to the editor. Christmas letters. You name it. In fact, the former kindergarten teacher first learned about "A Cup of Comfort" at a writer's workshop in Ocean Shores.

The book's editor was there, seeking contributors for a book on foods that bring people comfort — from grilled cheese sandwiches to cinnamon rolls. The idea, of course, was not exactly novel. More than 50 comfort-food cookbooks have already been written, including ones featuring low-carb, potpie, guilt-free and vegetarian recipes. There was even a 1995 book titled "Cream Pies on Toast: Comfort Food for Norwegian-Lutheran Farm Kids."

But the idea for "A Cup of Comfort" came with a small twist: It would combine vignettes and essays with recipes from women all over the country.

Tazelaar originally made two submissions. The first was an essay and recipe for a hot drink made by mix-

ing tomato juice with consomme, topping it with an onion poked with cloves and adding the juice of one lemon before cooking.

"It's delicious," Tazelaar insists. But the editor passed, opting instead for the bread recipe and an essay on Tazelaar's mother and father.

The essay begins, "When my mother's cancer progressed to the stage that she was too weak to cook or take care of the house, she spent most of her day on the living-room couch. From there, she scheduled my father's time with housekeeping tasks to be done, groceries to be purchased and meals to be cooked."

Pouring more tea, Tazelaar says her dad had always depended on her mom for direction: "After she died and he was faced for the first time with having to buy his own

socks, he asked me to go along," Tazelaar marvels. "I told him to do it himself!"

Eventually Tazelaar's dad did grow more independent, invited Tazelaar to a homemade dinner one night, and even sent her home with a loaf of Dutch Breakfast Bread, baked from Tazelaar's mother's recipe.

"In the years to come, it became his signature gift," Tazelaar writes. "At family get-togethers, his contribution was bread. Whenever friends invited him to dinner, he brought the bread, wrapped in foil and tied with weaving yarn."

Tazelaar says that she now follows her father's lead. At Christmastime, especially, she concocts gift loaves out of flour, honey, milk and anise seeds. And often she'll make an extra for herself.



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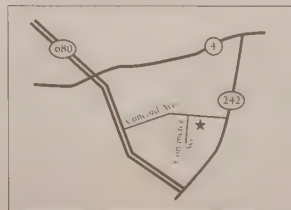
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# Grilled brats with riesling-mustard kraut and poppyseed buns — good and quick

BY CAROL MIGHTON HADDIX  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Sausages, in all their wide variety, lend themselves to speedy meals. A 5- to 10-minute cooking time is all it takes for a main-course dinner or sandwich.

Bratwurst is one of our favorites, topped with a sauerkraut made snappy with mustard and wine. But any sausage would work well in the following recipe, including some of the new, leaner turkey or chicken types. For the sauerkraut, any white wine will do, but we love to use a dry riesling from Alsace. Then we simply sip the remainder with the meal.

**Menu:** Grilled brats with riesling-mustard kraut and poppyseed buns, herbed potato salad,

ice cream bars and iced tea or riesling.

**Time-saving tips:** Purchase a potato salad at the supermarket; add chopped fresh herbs (or dried dillweed). To save time setting up a grill, split the brats lengthwise and pan-fry.

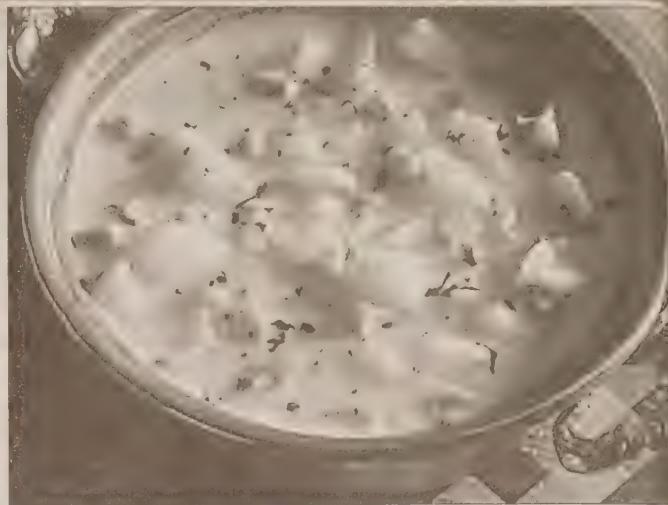
## GRILLED BRATS WITH RIESLING-MUSTARD KRAUT AND POPPYSEED BUNS

4 bratwurst  
3 tablespoons butter or olive oil  
½ onion, sliced thinly  
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard  
½ cup riesling  
1 package (16 ounces) refrigerated sauerkraut, rinsed  
¼ teaspoon each: salt, freshly

ground pepper  
4 poppyseed or other buns  
■ Prepare grill for direct cooking. Cut lengthwise almost through bratwurst. Grill, turning often with tongs, until cooked through and browned, about 10 minutes.

■ Meanwhile, heat butter in large skillet. Add onion; cook, stirring, over medium-high heat until lightly browned, about 5 minutes. Stir in mustard. Stir in riesling; cook to reduce slightly, about 2 minutes. Stir in sauerkraut, salt and pepper. Heat through. Place cooked bratwurst in buns; top with sauerkraut.

Preparation time: 30 minutes, cooking time: 10 minutes, makes 4 servings.



OLD-FASHIONED, HEARTY potato soup is a treat from the past but as modern as tomorrow, thanks to time-saving recipes from "Grandma's Kitchen: Treasured Family Recipes."

## King potato still rules many kitchens

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Why are comfort foods back in style? Some say it's their timeless ability to satisfy the palate and soothe the spirit.

One way to capture cherished recipes from days gone by is reading "Grandma's Kitchen: Treasured Family Recipes." Or you can visit [www.cookingvillage.com](http://www.cookingvillage.com).

Here's an easy-to-follow recipe that honors the classic tradition of farmhouse potato soup "like grandma used to make":

### CHUNKY POTATO SOUP

3 medium red potatoes  
2 cups water  
1 small onion  
3 tablespoons butter  
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour  
Crushed red pepper flakes  
Ground black pepper  
3 cups milk  
1/2 teaspoon sugar  
1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese  
1 cup cubed cooked ham

■ Peel potatoes and cut into 1-inch cubes.

■ Bring water to a boil in large saucepan. Add potatoes and cook until tender. Drain, reserving liquid. Set aside potatoes. Measure 1 cup cooking liquid, adding water, if necessary, set aside.

■ Peel and finely chop onion. Melt butter in saucepan over medium heat. Add onion to saucepan; cook, stirring frequently, until onion is translucent and tender, but not brown.

■ Add flour to saucepan; season with pepper flakes and black pepper to taste. Cook 3 to 4 minutes.

■ Gradually add potatoes, served 1 cup cooking liquid and sugar to onion mixture. Stir well. Add cheese, ham. Simmer over low heat 30 minutes, stirring frequently. Stir in reserved liquid.

For more information, visit [www.cookingvillage.com](http://www.cookingvillage.com). Grandma's tip: Serve soup with fresh bread or for a slightly different twist, in individual bread bowls. Slice off a piece from the small round loaves, remove the inside of the loaf, and fill with hot soup.



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# New survey reveals America's top tabletime traditions

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What's the secret recipe for successful family dinners? Just in time for the National Pork Board's Seventh Annual National Eat Dinner Together Week, a new survey of more than 1,000 moms says the key ingredients are an equal measure of easy meal ideas and meaningful traditions.

According to America's moms, good food and daily traditions are equally important family motivators for eating dinner together.

This year, the National Pork Board teamed up with the family dinner experts at Kraft Foods and surveyed America's moms to uncover their top tabletime traditions. Many families incorporate traditions into their daily dinner routine, according to the survey.

Some of the top traditions at America's dinner tables include having assigned seats at the table, dividing mealtime preparation and clean-up duties and sharing "How was your day?" stories with each other.

Of course no dinner would be complete without the food, which sometimes presents a challenge for moms.

Fifty-six percent of moms re-

port that preparing meals that please the whole family is a challenge, and 41 percent say they often feel like they spend more time preparing dinner than enjoying it with their family.

To help busy families have more quality time to spend around the family dinner table, the National Pork Board and Kraft have created a delicious pork tenderloin recipe that takes 30 minutes to prepare and serve.

And families can create lasting traditions that feature fun along with good food at dinnertime by ordering a free family activity kit, "Tabletime Traditions: Easy Traditions for Meaningful Family Meals."

This interactive kit is complete with activities for creating dinner traditions, conversation starters, tips on involving kids in meal preparation, and more quick and easy menu suggestions.

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## GINGER PORK AND STUFFING SKILLET

3 tablespoons butter or margarine  
4 boneless pork top loin chops, 1/2 inch thick  
Ground pepper to taste  
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger  
12/3 cups water  
1 package (6 ounces) Stove Top stuffing mix for pork  
2 tablespoons orange marmalade or apricot preserves  
In large nonstick skillet, melt 1 tablespoon butter over medium-high heat. Sprinkle chops lightly with pepper; add to skillet. Cook for about 5 minutes or until chops are slightly pink in center, turning once. Remove chops from skillet. Stir remaining 2 tablespoons butter and ginger into skillet; add water.  
Bring to boiling. Stir in stuffing mix just to moisten. Top with chops.  
Spoon orange marmalade or apricot preserves over chops. Cover and cook over low heat for 3 to 4 minutes or until heated through. Serves 4.  
Tip: For a variation, use garlic powder instead of ginger. Total time: 20 minutes



**GINGER PORK AND STUFFING SKILLET:** To help busy families have more quality time to spend at the family dinner table, the National Pork Board and Kraft have created a delicious pork tenderloin recipe that takes 30 minutes to prepare and serve.

## Party planner shares hot entertaining trends

**NAPSI**  
The holidays bring family and friends together to enjoy good company, good conversation and great food and drinks. While the tradition of entertaining during the holidays hasn't changed, that doesn't mean that how you entertain during the holidays must remain traditional.

Renowned party planner David Tutera suggests tapping into the hottest holiday entertaining trends to ensure everyone enjoys a holiday worth remembering.

### Add a splash of contemporary to the traditional

Holiday entertaining often seems like the same old thing. To ensure that family and friends return home for the holidays again next year, Tutera suggests a new twist on an old favorite. This year's holiday parties, he says, will veer away from the standard red-and-green combination and focus on showcasing one color family.

Tutera adds that an all-white theme should extend into the foods and beverages served as well. He suggests a Belvedere Yuletide Martini for a white holiday party, or a Belvedere Golden Martini for an all gold or copper party.

You can make the Belvedere Yuletide Martini by mixing 2 oz. Belvedere Vodka, 3/4 oz. Godiva White Chocolate Liqueur and 3/4 oz. milk. Shake well. Strain into a

martini glass. Garnish with a sprinkle of nutmeg.

To make the Belvedere Golden Martini, shake 1 1/2 oz. Belvedere Vodka, 1 oz. Grand Marnier with ice. Strain into a martini glass. Top with 2 oz. of Moët & Chandon champagne. Garnish with a twist of orange.

### Cap off the evening with a dessert party

The holidays are often a very hectic time. Tutera notes that this holiday's savvy entertainers will focus on throwing dessert parties, which leave plenty of time for guests to attend cocktail parties and sit-down dinners earlier in the evening without feeling rushed.

Food and beverage pairings at a dessert party are crucial to its success. Tutera suggests serving berries marinated in Belvedere Vodka and chocolates paired with chilled shots of Belvedere Vodka.

### Give your guests a gift

Tutera reminds us that holiday guests typically expect a small gift from their host. Instead of the traditional ornament or candy, this year give your guests something unexpected, versatile and functional-Belvedere Polish Luxury Vodka. Whether your guests will enjoy it themselves, or in turn make festive holiday martinis for their guests, this is a gift that will not go unused.

### Holiday entertaining tips

The holiday season is meant to be enjoyed with family and friends. To keep things merry and bright, Tutera offers the following entertaining tips:

■ **Plan your holiday party for a weekday evening or Sunday:** There are only a few weekends between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Make it easy for your guests to attend your party by planning it for a

day and time that they can more easily accommodate.

■ **Alert your guests well in advance:** To ensure your guests can make it to your party, be sure to send out invitations well in advance so they can mark their calendars.

■ **Consider a tree-trimming or tree-taking-down party:** These pre- and post-holiday parties offer freedom from the stress of having the house perfectly decorated and provide a change from the more traditional and formal holiday parties.

■ **Delegate:** If a guest asks what they can bring to your party, let them bring something. Delegating will help ensure that you get to enjoy the party just as much as your

guests.

■ **Add plenty of sure to incorporate** many opportunities to socialize the holidays with friends and family decorations.

■ **Offer a bounty of foods and beverages:** The mark of the holidays is delicious foods and make them memorable appearance and flavor.

■ **Music:** Live or recorded music is essential to a festive mood.

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# Calling for pumpkin — season's most popular squash is so versatile

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Autumn in the air, thoughts turn to pumpkin. Pumpkin pie and pumpkin macadamia rank among the top favorites, but beyond that is a wealth of other good things eating in store. Possibilities range from stews, soups and breads, to bars and cakes. As we travel through cookbooks and restaurant menus, we've even seen some stuffed raviolis, pizzas, pasta sauces, stratas and more featuring pumpkin.

While some recipes feature cut-up pieces of pumpkin (mostly stew, soup and entree type dishes), the only use pureed pumpkin. The dilemma — do you wash pumpkin and puree it or use canned pumpkin?

Though making your own puree is not difficult, it takes time and patience. After giving it a whirl a few times over the stove, it's really not worth the effort. It's easy to see why so many products — either plain or spiced — either plain or spiced — are always available in supermarkets.

Pumpkin has 80 percent of the water content of most vegetables, notes Roz O'Hearn, director of nutrition and brand affairs of the National Pumpkin Producers Association. Its 100 percent pure pumpkin is packed in 15- and 30-ounce cans. While the easy pumpkin puree is available in only one 30-ounce can.

If you don't use the entire can, you can transfer any leftover puree to a sealed container, refrigerate and use within a week — or freeze it for up to three months.

If you have time and want to try

your hand at making fresh puree from scratch, you can steam, boil, bake or microwave pumpkin pieces (see accompanying directions). Experts advise avoiding large pumpkins best suited to jack-o'-lanterns as they are generally bland, fibrous and watery.

They recommend using varieties such as sugar or pie pumpkins — weighing around 5 to 7 pounds. Smaller is better when it comes to cooking. If you purchase your pumpkin from a grower, ask about the best one for cooking.

Select firm, dark-orange pumpkins, heavy for their size and free of cracks, scars or spots.

That said, I've cooked up run-of-the-mill medium-size pumpkins of unknown varieties from the supermarket with good, edible results — both cubes and puree. Although some suggest cutting away the hard skin before cooking, the easiest way is to remove it after cooking.

If fresh pumpkin turns out too watery once it's cooked and pureed, you can eliminate some of the moisture by cooking in a large skillet over low heat.

When you use fresh pumpkin in recipes, figure that 1 pound raw, uncooked pumpkin will yield about 3/4 to 1 cup cooked, mashed pumpkin.

Pumpkin is in the same nutritional camp with other squash. You can figure that one cup unseasoned pureed pumpkin has about 75 to 80 calories and just a trace of fat. Pumpkin is also high in vitamin A and dietary fiber. Store whole pumpkins at room temperature up to a month or refrigerate up to three months.

**CHICKEN WITH PUMPKIN AND ZUCCHINI**  
1 (2 1/2 to 3-pound) meaty

chicken pieces (breasts, thighs and drumsticks), cut up and skinned  
1/4 cup finely chopped onion  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
2 medium potatoes, peeled and cut in 1-inch cubes  
2 cups peeled, 1-inch cubes pumpkin or winter squash  
2/3 cup dry white wine OR reduced-sodium chicken broth  
1 teaspoon dried rosemary, crushed  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
2 medium zucchini, sliced 1/4-inch thick  
Lemon wedges (optional)  
Rinse chicken; pat dry with paper towels. Spray an unheated 12-inch skillet with nonstick cooking spray. Preheat skillet over medium heat.

Add chicken and cook 10 to 15 minutes or until lightly brown, turning to brown evenly and adding onion and garlic during the last 5 minutes of cooking. Add potatoes and pumpkin.

Combine wine, rosemary, salt and pepper; pour over chicken and vegetables. Bring mixture to boiling; reduce heat. Cover and simmer 25 minutes. Add zucchini. Cover and cook about 5 minutes more or until chicken and vegetables are tender and chicken is no longer pink. Using a slotted spoon, transfer chicken and vegetables to a serving platter. Pass pan juices. If desired, serve with lemon wedges. Makes 6 servings.

From *Better Homes and Gardens* magazine.

**FARFALLE WITH PUMPKIN AND PROCAINE CHEESE**  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
1/4 pound pancetta, diced  
1 medium onion, finely chopped

2 pounds pumpkin, seeded, peeled and cut into 3/4-inch dice (about 5 to 6 cups)  
1/2 cup chicken broth, homemade or canned low-sodium  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper  
1 pound farfalle (bow tie) pasta  
2 tablespoons butter  
1/3 cup grated pecorino romano cheese  
3 tablespoons chopped Italian parsley

Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add pancetta and cook until crispy, about 5 minutes. Add onion and continue cooking until golden, 5 to 7 minutes. Add pumpkin and chicken broth.

Season with salt and pepper to taste. Cover and cook until tender, about 20 minutes. (The recipe can be made ahead to this point.)

To cook pasta, bring a gallon of water to a boil, then add a teaspoon of salt and pasta. Cook until just tender, about 10 minutes.

Drain pasta thoroughly, then add to pumpkin mixture. Return mixture to stove and cook 3 or 4 more minutes, gently tossing until liquid is absorbed. Stir in butter; toss with cheese and parsley and adjust seasoning.

Serve immediately with additional cheese on the side. Makes 4 to 5 servings.

From *"The Great Little Pumpkin Cookbook,"* by Michael Krondl.

**SPICED PUMPKIN AND SHRIMP SOUP**  
2 medium onions, sliced  
2 medium carrots, sliced (1 cup)  
1 tablespoon snipped fresh cilantro  
2 teaspoons grated fresh ginger  
1/2 teaspoon ground allspice

2 cloves garlic, minced  
2 tablespoons butter OR margarine  
1 (14-ounce) can chicken broth  
1 (15-ounce) can 100 percent pure pumpkin (puree)  
1 cup milk  
1 (8-ounce) package frozen peeled and deveined cooked shrimp, thawed  
Plain yogurt or dairy sour cream (optional)  
Snipped fresh chives

In a large saucepan, cook onions, carrots, cilantro, ginger, allspice and garlic in hot butter, covered, 10 to 12 minutes or until vegetables are tender, stirring once or twice.

Transfer vegetable mixture to a blender container or food processor bowl. Add 1/2 cup chicken broth. Cover and blend or process until nearly smooth.

In same saucepan, combine remaining 1 1/4 cups broth, pumpkin and milk. Stir in blended vegetable mixture and shrimp; heat through. If desired, serve topped with plain yogurt and chives. Makes 4 servings (about 5 3/4 cups).

From *"Better Homes and Gardens New Cookbook,"* 12th edition.

**PUMPKIN CHOCOLATE CHIP CAKE**  
1 (18.25-ounce) package plain yellow cake mix  
1 (15-ounce) can 100 percent pure pumpkin (puree)  
1/4 cup water  
2 large eggs  
2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice  
2 teaspoons baking soda  
1 cup semisweet chocolate chips  
1 cup finely chopped pecans  
1 tablespoon powdered sugar, for garnish

Lightly mist a 12-cup Bundt pan with vegetable oil spray, then dust with flour. Shake out excess flour. Set pan aside.

Place cake mix, pumpkin, water, eggs, pumpkin pie spice and baking soda in a large mixing bowl. Blend with an electric mixer on low speed 1 minute.

Stop machine and scrape down sides of bowl with a rubber spatula. Increase mixer speed to medium and beat 2 minutes more, scraping sides down again if needed. The batter should look thick and well combined.

Fold in chocolate chips and pecans, making sure they are well distributed throughout batter. Spoon batter into prepared pan, smoothing out with rubber spatula.

Bake cake in center of preheated 350-degree oven 42 to 46 minutes, until lightly browned and cake springs back when lightly pressed with finger.

Remove pan from oven and place on a wire rack to cool 20 minutes. Run a long, sharp knife around edge of cake and invert onto a rack to cool completely, 20 minutes more. Slide cake onto a serving platter, dust with powdered sugar and slice. Makes 1 cake.

Note: Store cake, wrapped in foil or plastic wrap, at room temperature 4 to 5 days. Or freeze, wrapped in foil, up to 6 months (thaw overnight in refrigerator before serving).

From *"Chocolate From the Cake Mix Doctor,"* by Anne Byrn.

**EASY PUMPKIN CREAM PIE**  
1 (15-ounce) can 100 percent pure pumpkin (puree)  
1 (5.1-ounce) package instant vanilla pudding and pie filling mix

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## Pumpkin

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1 cup milk  
1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice  
2 cups frozen nondairy whipped topping, thawed  
1 (9-inch) prepared graham cracker crust  
1 cup fresh raspberries, (optional)

Combine pumpkin, pudding mix, milk and pumpkin pie spice in a large mixer bowl; beat 1 minute or until blended. Fold in 1 1/2 cups whipped topping. Spoon into crust. Freeze for at least 4 hours or until firm. Let stand in refrigerator 1 hour before serving. Garnish with remaining whipped topping and raspberries. Serve immediately. Makes 8 servings.

## PUMPKIN PECAN PIE SQUARES

1 cup all-purpose flour

1/2 cup old-fashioned OR instant oats  
3/4 cup packed brown sugar  
1/2 cup butter OR margarine  
3/4 cup granulated sugar  
1 (15-ounce) can 100 percent pure pumpkin (puree)  
1 (12-ounce) can evaporated milk  
2 large eggs  
2 1/4 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice  
1/2 cup chopped pecans  
Whipped cream  
Combine flour, oats, 1/2 cup brown sugar and butter in a small mixer bowl. Beat at low speed 1 to 2 minutes or until crumbly. Press on bottom of ungreased 13x9-inch baking pan. Bake in preheated 350-degree oven 15 minutes.

Combine granulated sugar, pumpkin, evaporated milk, eggs and pumpkin pie spice in a large mixer bowl. Beat at medium speed 1 to 2 minutes; pour over crust. Bake 20 minutes. Combine

pecans and remaining 1/4 cup brown sugar in a small bowl. Sprinkle pecan topping over filling. Continue baking 15 to 25 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Cut into bars. Serve, topped with whipped cream. Makes 12 servings.

## MAPLE PUMPKIN CHEESECAKE

1 1/4 cups graham cracker crumbs  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted  
3 (8-ounce) packages cream

cheese, softened  
1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk (not evaporated milk)  
1 (15-ounce) can 100 percent pure pumpkin (puree)  
3 eggs  
1/4 cup pure maple syrup  
1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon  
1 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
1/2 teaspoon salt Maple Pecan Sauce

Combine crumbs, sugar and butter; press firmly on bottom of 9-inch springform pan. With mixer, beat cream cheese until fluffy. Gradually beat in sweetened condensed milk until smooth. Add

pumpkin, eggs, maple syrup, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt; mix well. Pour over crust in springform pan. Bake in preheated 325-degree oven 1 1/4 hours or until center appears nearly set when shaken. Cool 1 hour. Cover and chill at least 4 hours.

To serve, spoon some Maple Pecan Sauce over cheesecake. Garnish with additional pecans, if desired. Pass remaining sauce.

Store leftovers, covered, in refrigerator. Makes 1 cheesecake. **Maple pecan sauce:** 1/2 cup medium saucepan, 3/4 cup (1/2 pint) whipping cream, 3/4 cup pure maple syrup to boil.

Boil rapidly 15 to 20 minutes or until slightly thickened. Stir in 1/2 cup pecans. Cover and serve. Stir before serving.

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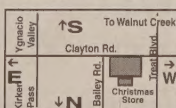
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